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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION
2 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 155.]

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4 There is no reportable action as a result of today's closed
5 session.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE GET TO YOUR
9 SEATS, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO STAND FOR THE INVOCATION, WHICH
10 WILL BE BY -- I'M TRYING TO GET THEM OVER -- AS SOON AS THEY -
11 - ALL RIGHT THE -- THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE PRAYER WILL BE LED
12 BY PASTOR DAVID DEVRIES OF LAKE HILLS COMMUNITY CHURCH FROM
13 CASTAIC FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL
14 BE LED BY STEVEN GRANT, CHAPLAIN SANTA FE SPRINGS, DOWNEY POST
15 NUMBER 4138, VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES,
16 FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. REVEREND DEVRIES?

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18 **PASTOR DAVE DEVRIES:** LET'S BOW OUR HEADS TOGETHER. O GOD, OUR
19 FATHER AND CREATOR, OUR PROVIDER, WE COME BEFORE YOU AND WE
20 ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SOVEREIGNTY, GOD, THAT YOU ARE IN CONTROL OF
21 EVERYTHING. AND WE THANK YOU, GOD, AS WE ENTER THIS
22 THANKSGIVING SEASON FOR YOUR INCREDIBLE BLESSING ON OUR
23 COUNTRY, AND ON OUR STATE, ON OUR CITY, AND, LORD GOD, WE
24 WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD CONTINUE TO BLESS US AND GUIDE US,
25 DIRECT US, GOD. I PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT, FOR OUR NEW GOVERNOR



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1 AND FOR OUR SUPERVISORS HERE TODAY, GOD, THAT YOU WOULD BE
2 GIVING THEM A SOURCE OF WISDOM, THAT YOU WOULD LEAD THEM AND
3 GUIDE THEM IN THEIR DECISIONS, LORD, THAT OUR COUNTRY WOULD
4 CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND MOVE IN A DIRECTION THAT BRINGS HONOR
5 TO YOU, GOD. LORD GOD, I ALSO PRAY FOR THE FAMILIES THAT ARE
6 REPRESENTED HERE IN THIS ROOM AND, GOD, FOR THE FAMILIES IN
7 OUR COUNTY AND IN OUR AREA, GOD, THAT YOU WOULD STRENGTHEN AND
8 PRESERVE THE FAMILY AND THAT YOU WOULD ENABLE THOSE WHO ARE
9 THE BREAD WINNERS FOR THEIR FAMILY TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THEIR
10 NEEDS MET, LORD, AS THEY SEEK TO WORK HARD FOR THEIR DAILY
11 BREAD. AND LORD, I WOULD ALSO PRAY FOR YOUR SAFETY AND FOR
12 YOUR PROTECTION, GOD, FOR OUR COMMUNITY. LORD, I THANK YOU FOR
13 THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE FIRE FIGHTERS AND THE FIRST
14 RESPONDERS AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE COMMITTED TO THE PROTECTION
15 AND SAFETY, GOD, FOR OUR COMMUNITY. AND GOD, WE ASK FOR YOUR
16 BLESSING ON THEM. LORD, I ALSO WOULD JUST ASK THAT YOUR
17 PRESENCE WOULD BE FELT IN A POWERFUL WAY IN THIS ROOM TODAY.
18 AND WE PRAY THIS ALL IN YOUR NAME. AMEN.

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20 **STEVEN GRANT:** FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR
21 HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF
22 ALLEGIANCE]

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAM CHAIR, IT'S OUR PLEASURE ONCE AGAIN TO
2 INTRODUCE PASTOR DEVRIES, WHO IS HERE TODAY, AND HE'S A
3 RESIDENT OR I SHOULD SAY HE GREW UP IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY
4 AND NOW RESIDES IN CASTAIC WHERE HE STARTED THE LAKE HILLS
5 COMMUNITY CHURCH. HE'S A GRADUATE OF VIOLA UNIVERSITY IN THE
6 MASTER'S SEMINARY AND HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON HIS DOCTORATE
7 OF MINISTRY DEGREE AT NORTHWEST GRADUATE SCHOOL. HE'S MARRIED
8 AND HAS TWO CHILDREN. SO PASTOR, THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN,
9 AND WE KNOW THAT WE'RE VERY THANKFUL THAT IN OUR AREA, DURING
10 THE RECENT FIRES IN THE SANTA CLARITA, CASTAIC AREA, THE LOSS
11 WAS KEPT AT A MINIMUM, AND WE DID LOSE 43 HOMES IN THE
12 CLAREMONT AREA IN THE PALMER CANYON AND WE'RE WORKING TO
13 RESTORE THOSE HOMES AND WORKING WITH THE COMMUNITY TO GET THEM
14 BACK ON THEIR FEET AS WELL. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, OKAY, IT'S
17 MY PRIVILEGE TO GIVE THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
18 CHAPLAIN STEVEN GRANT, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE COLOR GUARD
19 SANTA FE SPRINGS DOWNEY POST NUMBER 4138, VETERAN OF FOREIGN
20 WARS. CHAPLAIN GRANT HAS SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES FROM 1944
21 THROUGH 1947 AS A STAFF SERGEANT WITH THE HARBOR CRAFT UNIT OF
22 THE UNITED STATES ARMY, EARNING VARIOUS MEDALS OF HONOR,
23 INCLUDING COMBAT ACTION RIBBON, GOOD CONDUCT, ASIATIC PACIFIC
24 CAMPAIGN WITH TWO STARS, WORLD WAR II VICTORY, NATIONAL
25 DEFENSE SERVICE AND PHILIPPINE LIBERATION MEDALS. HE'S BEEN A



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1 48-YEAR RESIDENT OF THE FOURTH DISTRICT, IS MARRIED AND THE
2 FATHER OF FIVE CHILDREN AND SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY
3 COLLEAGUES, CHAPLAIN WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT YOU THIS SCROLL IN
4 RECOGNITION OF YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND FOR TAKING THE TIME TO
5 COME DOWN AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE, CONGRATULATIONS. [
6 APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL NOW HAVE THE AGENDA.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. MEMBERS OF THE
11 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 5. ON ITEM S-2, AS NOTED ON THE
12 AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
13 CONTINUANCE.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, S-2 WILL BE CONTINUED
16 FOR ONE WEEK.

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18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 10,
19 I HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, HOLD FOR
20 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A
21 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON ITEM NUMBER --

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT OKAY TO CONTINUE THAT? WELL WE'LL
24 WAIT 'TIL SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY COMES BACK.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM NUMBER 4, HOLD FOR MERRITT
2 HOLLOWAY. ON ITEM NUMBER 5, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE. ON ITEM
3 NUMBER 7, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE AND OTHER. AND THE REST
4 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
7 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE
10 HELD ITEM NUMBER 7, BUT THE REASON I HELD IT WAS JUST TO SAY
11 THAT ON VETERANS' DAY, PRESIDENT BUSH DID SIGN THAT PIECE OF
12 LEGISLATION, SO...

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, MERRITT HOLLOWAY HAS ANOTHER ITEM
15 HE'S HOLDING BUT OKAY, YES.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** WITHOUT THAT, THEN, I WOULD MOVE THE ITEM. I JUST
18 WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE KNEW THAT THE PRESIDENT
19 SIGNED THAT PARTICULAR BILL.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SINCE HE'S HOLDING IT --

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF HE SIGNED IT, THEN JUST DO A LETTER OF
24 THANKS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL COME BACK TO THAT BRIEFLY.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEM 11.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/ WEIGHTS AND
11 MEASURES, ITEM 12.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH,

14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS. ON ITEM 13,
17 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THE ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO
18 THE DEPARTMENT.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, IT'S REFERRED BACK TO
21 THE DEPARTMENT.

22

23 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 14.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES. ON ITEM 15, HOLD FOR

5 MERRITT HOLLOWAY. AND ITEMS 16 THROUGH 21 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.

8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 22.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.

13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 23 AND 24. ON ITEM

16 23, HOLD FOR MERRITT HOLLOWAY AND OTHERS. ON ITEM 23, EXCUSE

17 ME, ALSO HOLD FOR MERRITT HOLLOWAY AND OTHERS. ACTUALLY,

18 EXCUSE ME, MADAM CHAIR, WE'RE HOLDING 23 AND 24, MERRITT

19 HOLLOWAY. PROBATION, ITEMS 25 AND 26. ON ITEM 26, IT WAS NOTED

20 ON THE AGENDA TO REFER IT BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. HOWEVER, THE

21 CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER IS REQUESTING A ONE-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** AND WHICH ITEM'S THAT?

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25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THAT'S ON 26.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 26 WILL BE
3 CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ITEM 25 IS BEFORE YOU.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 27 THROUGH
11 29.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 30 THROUGH 44 AND I
17 HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUEST. ON ITEM 31, HOLD FOR MERRITT
18 HOLLOWAY. ON ITEM 33, HOLD FOR MERRITT HOLLOWAY. ON ITEM 36 --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LET ME ASK THE COUNTY COUNSEL. WHAT IS THE
21 MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ITEMS A PERSON CAN HOLD?

22

23 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** MADAM CHAIR, THERE IS NO CURRENT MAXIMUM IN
24 THE BOARD'S RULES. YOU DO HAVE A LIMIT OF THREE MINUTES PER
25 SPEAKER, HOWEVER.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL TAKE THEM ALL AT ONCE
3 THEN.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** BILL, WE WENT THROUGH THIS LAST WEEK. I ASKED THE
6 BOARD TO SUPPORT ME THAT THIS IS GETTING OUT OF HAND AND THAT
7 HE SELECT HIS ITEMS AND THAT'S ALL HE BE ALLOWED TO DO.

8

9 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WE ARE -- WE'VE INVESTIGATED IT AND WE'RE
10 PREPARING A REPORT BASED ON OUR ANALYSIS OF THE STATUTES,
11 MADAM SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, I THINK WE CAN HANDLE IT
14 OKAY WE'LL JUST GET -- WE CAN DO IT WITHIN A MINUTE, WE'LL
15 TAKE CARE OF THE WHOLE THING. ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY, ON ITEM 36, HOLD FOR LESLIE MOSS
18 AND OTHERS. ON ITEMS -- ALSO ON ITEM 36, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR
19 YAROSLAVSKY. ON 39 AND 40, HOLD FOR MERRITT HOLLOWAY. THE REST
20 ARE BEFORE YOU.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
23 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEM 45.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, ITEMS 46
6 THROUGH 49. ON ITEM NUMBER 48, IF YOU LOOK ON PAGE 22, THE
7 FOURTH LINE DOWN, SUPERVISOR BURKE IS REQUESTING THAT THE
8 COMMISSION CO-SPONSOR THREE COMMUNITY FAIRS INSTEAD OF TWO.
9 AND THEN ALSO ON THAT ITEM, HOLD FOR RICHARD ROBINSON AND
10 OTHERS. ON ITEM 49, THE COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS A ONE-WEEK
11 CONTINUANCE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 49 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK. ON THE
14 REMAINDER, MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, ITEMS 50 AND 51.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 52, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA REQUESTED BY
23 BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, WHICH WERE
24 POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS
25 INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 52-A.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 52-B.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA,
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 52-C.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE,
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
16 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
17 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 1.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAD RECEIVED A CALL THAT ROY ROMER WAS
20 GOING TO BE UNABLE TO BE HERE AT 11:00 O'CLOCK, IS HE PRESENT
21 NOW OR? ALL RIGHT. WE WERE GOING TO CALL HIM EARLY IF HE HAD
22 TO GET BACK TO THE BOARD, BUT SUPERVISOR MOLINA, FOR YOUR
23 PRESENTATIONS.

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25 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DO YOU WANT TO DO THE CONSUL-GENERAL?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL DO THE CONSUL-GENERAL FIRST. DO YOU
5 HAVE PRESENTATIONS? WELCOME. TODAY WE'RE WELCOMING THE NEW
6 CONSUL-GENERAL OF ARMENIA, THE HONORABLE DR. GAGIK KIRAKOSIAN,
7 IS THAT CORRECT? AND CONSUL-GENERAL KIKAKOSIAN WAS BORN IN
8 ARMENIA AND HE STUDIED AT THE YARAVON STATE INSTITUTE OF
9 RUSSIAN AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES. HIS EARLY WORK CAREER WAS AS A
10 FACULTY MEMBER AT YARAVON STATE UNIVERSITY AND IS ART AND
11 LITERATURE DIRECTOR AT THE ARMENIAN STATE COMMITTEE OF T.V.
12 AND RADIO BROADCASTING, WHERE HE SPENT 12 YEARS. IN 1993, HE
13 BEGAN HIS CAREER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE HELD
14 ALTERNATING POSITIONS IN YARAVON AND AT THE ARMENIAN EMBASSIES
15 IN MOSCOW AND ATHENS. IN 2002, HE ATTENDED THE N.A.T.O.
16 DEFENSE COLLEGE IN ROME. HE WAS ACCREDITED BY THE U.S.
17 DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON OCTOBER 6TH, 2003, AS CONSUL-GENERAL OF
18 ARMENIA IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME YOU AND YOUR
19 WIFE AND YOUR TWO CHILDREN TO LOS ANGELES AND HOPE YOU WILL
20 ALL ENJOY YOUR POSTING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. PLEASE ACCEPT
21 THIS PLAQUE AS A WELCOME. WE KNOW THAT YOU'RE GOING TO ENJOY
22 YOUR STAY HERE.

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24 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, WHY DON'T YOU SPEAK FIRST.

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3 **CONSUL-GENERAL:** OKAY THANK YOU. DISTINGUISHED SUPERVISORS OF
4 L.A. COUNTY, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, YOUR GUESTS, SO I NEED TO
5 BE VERY SPEAK BRIEFLY, I WANT SHORT NOTICES AND OUR REMARKS
6 ABOUT OUR RELATIONS. SO I'M STARTING WITH BILATERAL RELATIONS
7 BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA, ARE BASED
8 ON A FIRM FOUNDATION OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND RESPECT. AND
9 OUR END COMMON GOALS AND VALUES CREATING THE CONSTRUCTIVE BASE
10 FOR DEVELOPMENT OF PROSPERITY AND A STABLE ARMENIA. OUR
11 DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED SINCE 1992 EMBASSY
12 IN WASHINGTON AND THEN 1995 THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN LOS
13 ANGELES. AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ARMENIA INDEPENDENCE IN
14 1992, UNITED STATES EXERTS CONCERTED EFFORTS TO HELP ARMENIA
15 DURING THE DIFFICULT TRANSITION FORM OF A CENTRALIZED STATE
16 AND PLANNED ECONOMY TO DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND OPEN MARKETS.
17 AND TO DATE IT HAS PROVIDED NEARLY 1.4 MILLION, BILLION EXCUSE
18 ME, IN HUMANITARIAN AND THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO OUR
19 COUNTRY. U.S. ECONOMY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS HAVE TARGETED THE
20 CREATION OF A LEGAL, REGULATORY, AND POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR
21 ECONOMY GROWTH IN ENERGY, AGRICULTURE AND HOUSING PROVIDING
22 HOUSING AND ECONOMIC EVACUATION FOR VICTIMS OF 1988 EARTHQUAKE
23 AND OTHER SECTORS, DEVELOPING OF A COMPETITIVE AND A EFFICIENT
24 PRIVATE SECTOR. SINCE 1992, ARMENIAN AND THE UNITED STATES
25 HAVE SIGNED THREE MAJOR AGREEMENTS REGULATING THE TRADE AND



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1 ECONOMIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY INCLUDE
2 AGREEMENT OF TRADE RELATIONS, INVESTMENT, AND PROTECTION OF
3 INVESTMENT ORGANIZATIONS FOR A BILATERAL TAX AGREEMENT ARE ON
4 THE WAY. OUR FRIENDLY RELATIONS IS A STRONGER DEEPLY ROOTED IN
5 SHARED VALUES AND A COMMON INTEREST. THE UNITED STATES HAVE
6 BEEN A STEADY PARTNER IN PROMOTING ARMENIA DEMOCRACY AND
7 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SIZE AGREEMENT REGAIN INDEPENDENCE. AS A
8 CO-CHAIR OF O.E.C. NEWSGROUP, AND THE UNITED STATES ACTIVELY
9 ENGAGED IN THE NEWS GROUP ENDEAVORS TO FIND A PEACEFUL
10 NEGOTIATED SOLUTION TO NAGORNA CARABUCK CONFLICT WITH A
11 POSITIVE INVOLVEMENT AND INTENSIFIED EFFORTS WITHIN THE NEWS
12 GROUP WITH AN AIM TO PROMOTE PEACE AND STABILITY IN OUR
13 REGION. WE HAVE CONSTRICTIVE DIALOG WITH THE U.S. GOVERNMENT
14 IN THE MILITARY, SECURITY AND DEFENSE AREAS. IN JULY 2000,
15 ARMENIA AND THE UNITED STATES SIGNED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
16 GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF
17 ARMENIA CONCERNING COOPERATION IN THE AREAS OF COUNTER
18 PROVISION OF W.M.D. FOLLOWING SEPTEMBER 11, ARMENIA HAS
19 OFFERED UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES IN THE
20 EFFORTS AGAINST THE INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. FROM DAY ONE OF
21 THE U.S.-LED MILITARY CAMPAIGN IN AFGHANISTAN, ARMENIA
22 PROVIDED ITS AEROSPACES, REFUELING, AND LANDING FOR U.S.
23 AIRCRAFT AND OTHER TANGIBLE ASSISTANCE. THE ARMENIAN/AMERICAN
24 COMMUNITY AS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND THE INFLUENTIAL SEGMENTS
25 OF ARMENIAN DIASPORA PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE STRATEGIC



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1 PARTNERSHIP AND PROVIDES THE HUMAN LINKS BETWEEN THE U.S.
2 STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA. AMERICAN ARMENIA LOBBYISTS
3 IN KEY ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS ARMENIAN ASSEMBLY OF AMERICA AND
4 ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF AMERICA WHICH SUPPORTED
5 COMMITMENT OF MANY AMERICAN OFFICIALS, POLITICIANS,
6 PARTICULARLY IN CALIFORNIA, WORK HARD ON THE WAY OF
7 RECOGNITION ARMENIAN GENOCIDE, WITH ACTIVE SUPPORT OF
8 ARMENIAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND THE TIRELESS ENSURING
9 CALIFORNIA AND ARMENIA SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IN
10 AREAS AS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, BILATERAL TRADE AND CULTURAL
11 EXCHANGES. THIS INCLUDES INFORMATION PROVIDING AND BUSINESS
12 SUPPORT AS WELL AS ASSURING STRATEGIES FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE
13 AND INVESTMENT PROMOTION. AGREEMENT COULD BE A TREMENDOUS
14 BOOST TO US AND CALIFORNIA, COMMANDED MINISTER OF FOREIGN
15 AFFAIRS OF ARMENIA, HIS EXCELLENCY, WORKED AN AGREEMENT WITH
16 HIM. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT'S A HONOR AND PRIVILEGE FOR AN
17 ARMENIAN DIPLOMAT TO BE SERVED IN THIS MISSION OF U.S. GENERAL
18 AND CALIFORNIA IN PARTICULARLY. AS AREA PRESIDENT TO DEVELOP
19 MY COUNTRY I WOULD LIKE TO AVAIL MYSELF THIS OPPORTUNITY AND
20 TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO L.A. COUNTY OFFICIALS FOR MY WELCOME
21 CEREMONY AND TO WISH BEST SUCCESS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR VERY
22 IMPORTANT COOPERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES
25]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO NOW CALL UP 'FISHING IN THE
3 CITY 2003' FOR SCROLL PRESENTATIONS. STEVE RUSCH, LAWRENCE
4 KWON, THE HONORABLE MAYBELINE EPHRAM, WANDA WADE, AND THE
5 REPRESENTATIVES OF WAL-MART, WILLIE COLE, WILL PLEASE COME
6 FORWARD. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, OKAY. ALL RIGHT, GOOD, HOW ARE
7 YOU? EVERY YEAR FOR THE LAST EIGHT YEARS, I'VE PRESENTED A
8 'FISHING IN THE CITY' PARTY CO-SPONSORED BY THE STATE AND
9 LOCAL FISH AND GAME COMMISSION AND STAFFED WITH VOLUNTEERS
10 FROM THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION AND THE
11 COUNTY FIRE AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENTS. THESE EVENTS ARE
12 SPECIALLY FOR FOSTER CHILDREN AGES SEVEN TO 14 SO THEY HAVE
13 THE EXPERIENCE OF FISHING AND OF LEARNING PARK ETIQUETTE AND
14 THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES. MOST OF
15 THESE CHILDREN HAVE NEVER HAD AN OPPORTUNITY OF ENJOYING A
16 GREAT RECREATIONAL FACILITY. LAST AUGUST 8TH, MORE THAN 400
17 FOSTER CHILDREN ATTENDED THE PARTY. THEY WERE TAUGHT TO BAIT
18 HOOKS AND TO FISH. MANY LEFT WITH A CATCH OF CATFISH. AT THESE
19 EVENTS, WE DEPEND ON OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS FOR BREAKFAST,
20 LUNCH, AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR PARTY GOERS AND 200 VOLUNTEERS.
21 I'M VERY PLEASED TODAY TO RECOGNIZE SOME OF THE GENEROUS
22 SPONSORS OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL FISHING IN THE CITY, AND FIRST
23 OF ALL, STEVE RUSCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. [
24 APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LAWRENCE KWON, STACEY ADVERTISING. [

2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND TO GINA PAXTON IS THE JUDGE'S DAUGHTER,

5 AND SHE WILL ACCEPT FOR THE HONORABLE MAYBELINE EPHRAM. [

6 APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND FOR WAL-MART. WILLIE COLE IS ACCEPTING

9 FOR WAL-MART. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND PAT TOBEN IS GOING TO ACCEPT FOR THE

12 WANDA WADE AND SPONSORS. OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **WILLIE COLE:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, AND WAL-MART IS

15 HAPPY TO BE IN THE COMMUNITY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE'LL CALL ON YOU

20 AGAIN AND AGAIN. AND I KNOW MIRIAM SIMMONS FROM OUR OFFICE

21 WORKS DAY AND NIGHT TO HELP GET THAT GOING, AS THE REST OF THE

22 STAFF, AND WE APPRECIATE IT SO MUCH. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO ASK JUDGE ERIC TAYLOR TO

25 COME FORWARD, TOO. HE'S HERE. HE'S COMING FORWARD. BUT LET ME



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1 JUST SAY A WORD ABOUT ERIC TAYLOR. HE WAS DEPUTY COUNTY
2 COUNSEL FOR L.A. COUNTY BEFORE TAKING ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO
3 THE INGLEWOOD MUNICIPAL COURT IN 1998, AND HE HAS STARTED A
4 DISTINGUISHED CAREER ON THE BENCH. HE SERVED AS PRESIDING
5 JUDGE OF THE INGLEWOOD COURT, PRIOR TO UNIFICATION OF THE
6 COURTS. CURRENTLY HE IS DISTRICT SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE LOS
7 ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT SOUTHWEST DISTRICT. HE'S ALSO SERVED
8 FOR THREE YEARS ON THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL ACCESS AND FAIRNESS
9 COMMITTEE. LAST NOVEMBER 2ND, HE WAS INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF
10 THE CALIFORNIA JUDGE'S ASSOCIATION AFTER BEING ELECTED TO THE
11 POST. THE CALIFORNIA JUDGES ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS
12 CALIFORNIA'S 2700 ACTIVE AND RETIRED STATE JUDGES AND
13 COMMISSIONERS. IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE, I'M
14 PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO THE HONORABLE ERIC CHARLES
15 TAYLOR, AND IT'S ALWAYS GREAT TO SEE ONE OF OUR COUNTY COUNSEL
16 GO ON TO GREAT THINGS, AND, OF COURSE, WE KNOW HIS WIFE, AND
17 SHE'S OUR SENATOR ED BENSON'S DAUGHTER YES. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **JUDGE ERIC TAYLOR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR BURKE. I
20 APPRECIATE THIS HONOR. AND I'M PLEASED TO BE BACK HOME. I
21 SPENT SIX YEARS AT THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE, AND BILL
22 PELLMAN, A GOOD FRIEND, IS HERE AND I'M REALLY HONORED TO BE
23 PRESENT BEFORE ALL OF YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY WIFE,
24 VALERIE TAYLOR, AND MY MOTHER, JOAN TAYLOR, FOR BEING HERE
25 TODAY. I THINK MY BROTHER MAY BE HERE ALSO, CHAD TAYLOR. MY



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1 DAUGHTERS, APRIL, GRAHAM, AND HALLE TAYLOR COULDN'T BE HERE.
2 THEY'RE IN SCHOOL, THANK GOODNESS. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO THANK
3 THE JUDGES OF THE STATE FOR GIVING ME THEIR TRUST, AND I LOOK
4 FORWARD TO A PRODUCTIVE YEAR FOR THE JUDGE'S ASSOCIATION AND,
5 ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU ALL YOU FOLKS AT THE COUNTY, I REALLY
6 MISS YOU AND I'M GLAD TO BE BACK. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP NOW THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
9 GARDENA. KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL WAS FOUNDED IN 1915 AS A
10 SERVICE AND COMMUNITY MINDED ORGANIZATION THAT SUPPORTS THE
11 NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS. EACH CLUB IS MADE UP OF
12 MEMBERS FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE, AND AT EVERY STEP IN THE
13 CAREER LADDER. THESE MEMBERS GENEROUSLY VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME
14 TO ACTIVITIES SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING PROMOTING
15 LITERACY, SUPPORTING NEW SPORTS AND RECREATION, AND HELPING TO
16 DEVELOP FUTURE GENERATIONS OF LEADERS. THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
17 GARDENA VALLEY IS A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS FAMILY,
18 AND I'M PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS RECOGNITION TODAY ON
19 CELEBRATION OF THEIR 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING INVALUABLE
20 SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK TO THE
21 PRESIDENT OF THE GARDENA VALLEY KIWANIS, KELLY FUJITO TO COME
22 FORWARD AND ACCEPT THE PLAQUE. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND IF YOU'LL SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN
25 WE'LL HAVE A PICTURE WITH EVERYONE OKAY.



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KELLY FUJITO: THANK YOU. ON BEHALF OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF
GARDENA VALLEY, OUR 50 MEMBERS AND NEARLY 500 ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND COLLEGE LEVEL STUDENTS, WE'D LIKE TO
SAY THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING
OUR EFFORTS. EACH YEAR, WE PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 20,000
VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR THE HANDICAPPED,
THE SENIOR CITIZENS, THE YOUTH, AND THE NEEDY OF THE GARDENA
VALLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS. SO AGAIN, I'D LIKE TO THANK
THE HONORABLE BODY FOR PRESENTING THIS TO US, AND THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

12

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES
]

15

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE NOVEMBER
2003 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, NANCY EISER. [APPLAUSE]

18

SUP. BURKE, CHAIR: WHILE SHE'S COMING UP -- IS SHE COMING UP,
NANCY EISER, SHE'S COMING UP. WHILE SHE'S COMING UP, LET ME
JUST TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT HER. SHE'S A 32-YEAR EMPLOYEE
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IS CURRENTLY A HUMAN RESOURCES
ANALYST 4 WITH THE ORGANIZATIONAL AND EMPLOYEE DEVELOPMENT
DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES WHERE SHE'S
PROVIDED SERVICE EXCELLENCE LONG BEFORE IT BECAME PART OF THE



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1 COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGIC PLAN. HER MOST VISIBLE RESPONSIBILITIES
2 ARE THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CLERICAL CERTIFICATION TRAINING
3 PROGRAM FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY, WORKING
4 CLOSELY WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
5 COUNTY-WIDE COORDINATION OF THE EMPLOYEE DISASTER ASSISTANCE
6 PROGRAM, PROVIDING GUIDANCE AND RESOURCE TO COUNTY EMPLOYEES
7 DURING A CATASTROPHIC DISASTER. MISS EISER HAS ALSO SERVED AS
8 MANAGER OF THE COUNTY'S TELECOMMUNICATING PROGRAM AND WHILE IN
9 THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATION'S OFFICE SHE ASSISTED THE OFFICE OF
10 PROTOCOL IN ORGANIZING EVENTS INCLUDING VISITS BY THE KING AND
11 QUEEN OF SWEDEN, THE POPE AND PRINCESS ANNE AND WAS INVITED
12 INTO THE COUNTY'S OLYMPIC ORGANIZING COMMITTEE. SHE PROVIDES
13 VOLUNTEER SERVICES TO THE FILIPINO AMERICAN COMMUNITY OF LOS
14 ANGELES, THE MAITRE D' ASSOCIATION, HEART HIGH
15 PARENTS/TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, AMONG OTHERS. SHE PARTICIPATES
16 IN THE MARCH OF DIMES, A.I.D.S. WALK, SPONSORED CHILDREN IN
17 THE PHILIPPINES BY SENDING CARE PACKAGES, AND IN RECOGNITION
18 OF ALL OF THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- HOW DO YOU DO ALL OF THIS,
19 AND STILL DO YOUR JOB? WE WANTED TO SAY TO HER SHE CERTAINLY
20 EXEMPLIFIES SERVICE OF A COUNTY EMPLOYEE AND EXTREMELY
21 PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE PEOPLE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
22 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, NANCY, EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. [
23 APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I'D LIKE TO PUT THIS PIN ON YOU BEFORE
2 YOU SPEAK. SURE, WE'LL LET HER SPEAK FIRST AND THEN --

3

4 **NANCY EISER:** FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
5 DEPARTMENT HEADS WHO SELECTED ME AS COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE
6 MONTH AND FOR OUR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
7 BEAUTIFUL SCROLL AND RECOGNITION. WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS HOW
8 MUCH THIS MEANS TO ME. ALSO, THERE ARE TWO VERY IMPORTANT
9 FAMILIES IN MY LIFE I WOULD LIKE TO THANK WHO HAVE BEEN A VERY
10 INTEGRAL PART OF MY COUNTY CAREER. FIRST, MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY,
11 WHO HAVE BEEN THERE FOR ME AND PUT UP WITH ME MY ENTIRE LIFE.
12 THANK YOU, MOM, AND ALSO MY DAD, WHO'S NO LONGER WITH US, BUT
13 WHO TAUGHT ME THE MOST IMPORTANT VALUES IN LIFE. THANK YOU TO
14 MY MOTHER AND FATHER-IN-LAW, WHO ARE HERE WITH US TODAY, FOR
15 YOUR SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT LIFE IS REALLY ALL ABOUT, AND TO
16 MY HUSBAND AND MY TWO SONS, WHO ARE PATIENT AND UNDERSTANDING
17 FOR THOSE LONG HOURS THAT I PUT IN AT THE OFFICE. NEXT, I'D
18 LIKE TO THANK MY COUNTY FAMILY BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN WITH ME
19 FOR 32 YEARS. I'VE BEEN VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE WORKED WITH SO
20 MANY BRILLIANT AND TALENTED MANAGERS AND COLLEAGUES WHO SERVED
21 AS OUTSTANDING MENTORS TO ME. AT THIS TIME, I WOULD LIKE TO
22 THANK MY CURRENT MANAGERS, OUR DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL, MIKE
23 HENRY, OUR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, TRAVIS HOWELLEN, OUR DIVISION
24 MANAGER AND SENIOR MANAGER LOU TAKEUCHI, WHO'S ALSO THE HEAD
25 OF THE COUNTY TRAINING ACADEMY AND MY IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR,



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1 ROSIE MALOUF. YOU HAVE ALL GIVEN ME TREMENDOUS SUPPORT AND
2 WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE TO LEARN, TO GROW, AND TO
3 DEVELOP AND UTILIZE MY SKILLS TO MY FULLEST. ALSO, I'D LIKE TO
4 SHARE THIS RECOGNITION WITH THOSE AND THAT WHOM I WORK WITH IN
5 THE TRAINING ACADEMY, BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN SO VERY PRODUCTIVE AS
6 A TEAM. AND A SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO MY IMMEDIATE STAFF,
7 ZONIDA RAMIREZ, RAY ANARAC AND CHIA CHIP. THESE ARE THE ONES
8 WHO REALLY DO THE HARD WORK, AND WITHOUT THEM, I WOULD NOT
9 HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MY TASK. LASTLY, IT HAS TRULY
10 BEEN A PLEASURE TO BE A PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. THE COUNTY
11 IS SO DIVERSE AND HOLDS SUCH A WEALTH OF VALUABLE INFORMATION
12 AND OPPORTUNITIES. IT HAS ENABLED ME TO CONTRIBUTE MY SKILLS,
13 TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS THAT HAVE
14 ENRICHED AND MADE A REAL DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLE'S LIVES. IT HAS
15 BEEN A VERY REWARDING EXPERIENCE, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU
16 FOR ALLOWING ME THE TIME TO SHARE MY EXPERIENCE WITH YOU. AND
17 AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE HONOR AND RECOGNITION AS COUNTY
18 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND MIKE HENRY WANTS TO SAY A WORD.

21

22 **MIKE HENRY:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR. I WOULD JUST LIKE TO ADD
23 THAT NANCY IS JUST AN EXEMPLARY EMPLOYEE. I'VE KNOWN NANCY FOR
24 A VERY LONG TIME, AND SHE CERTAINLY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE SHE'S
25 BEEN A COUNTY EMPLOYEE FOR 32 YEARS. BUT NANCY HAS SOME VERY



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1 OUTSTANDING ASSIGNMENTS. ONE ASSIGNMENT IS THE EMERGENCY
2 PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR FOR OUR DEPARTMENT, AND THAT'S A VERY
3 IMPORTANT JOB. BUT NANCY'S DONE MANY THINGS, AND YOU'VE HEARD
4 THEM ALL TODAY, AND I JUST WANTED TO ADD MY THANKS AND THANKS
5 ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, TO YOU NANCY,
6 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **NANCY EISER:** I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY FAMILY WHO IS WITH ME
9 TODAY, BEGINNING WITH MY HUSBAND, MARK. MY SON, NEIL, MY SON,
10 ERIC, MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, MEL EISER, AND MY FATHER-IN-LAW,
11 GEORGE EISER. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HERE'S THE -- NOW WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO
14 JOIN IN HONORING THIS YEAR'S OUTSTANDING AWARD WINNERS FOR
15 QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY, AND THESE AWARDS WERE ALSO RECENTLY
16 PRESENTED AT THE COMMISSION'S 17TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON,
17 WHICH WAS A SPECTACULAR EVENT. TODAY, WE WILL CELEBRATE THE
18 COMMISSION'S SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS AND THE TOP 10 AWARD
19 WINNERS. HOWEVER, WE NEED TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL OF THE 118
20 COUNTY PROGRAMS THAT COMPETE FOR THESE TOP HONORS. THE
21 COMBINED COST AVOIDANCE COST SAVINGS ARE NEW REVENUE GENERATED
22 BY THESE PROGRAMS RESULTED IN A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN
23 ESTIMATED BENEFITS. THESE IMPRESSIVE RESULTS LINK DIRECTLY TO
24 OUR COUNTY-WIDE STRATEGIC PLAN AND OUR GOAL OF FISCAL
25 RESPONSIBILITY. I WISH TO THANK THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY



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1 COMMISSION FOR THE OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL
2 ASSISTANCE THEY PROVIDED TO ALL THE DEPARTMENTS OVER THE
3 YEARS. I WANT TO PARTICULARLY COMMEND THE COMMISSION CHAIR,
4 JACQUELINE TILLY HILL, FOR HER VISION, LEADERSHIP AND
5 DEDICATION TO ENRICHING LIVES FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY FAMILY.
6 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PRODUCTIVITY MANAGERS WHO WORKED
7 TIRELESSLY TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE AND CARING SERVICE, ENRICHING
8 THE LIVES OF ALL THE PEOPLE WE SERVE. AND NOW, COMMISSIONER
9 HILL, WILL YOU JOIN ME IN PRESENTING TODAY'S AWARDS?

10

11 **COMMISSIONER HILL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE. ON BEHALF OF
12 THE COUNTY'S QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION AND THE
13 PRODUCTIVITY MANAGERS NETWORK, I AM PLEASED TO JOIN THE BOARD
14 IN SALUTING THIS YEAR'S OUTSTANDING AWARD WINNERS. TODAY'S
15 SPECIAL AWARDS AND TOP 10 WINNERS THAT ARE SHOWCASED HERE
16 REFLECT THE INNOVATION AND PRODUCTIVE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN
17 DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES ACROSS THE COUNTY. EACH OF THESE BEST
18 PRACTICES DEMONSTRATES A COMMITMENT TO DO WHAT WE DO: ENRICH
19 LIVES AS WELL AS HOW WE DO IT, THROUGH EFFECTIVE AND CARING
20 SERVICES. ENRICHING LIVES IS THE SIMPLE MESSAGE THAT HAS BEEN
21 FULLY EMBRACED BY SHERYL GWYNN AND RICHARD CUIZOTO, THIS
22 YEAR'S PRODUCTIVITY NETWORK CO-CHAIRS. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE
23 THEM WITH SPECIAL GRATITUDE FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT.
24 ALSO, I WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK CHUCK HORN AND SHERYL GWYNN
25 FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP, ORIGINALITY, AND PROFESSIONAL



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1 CONTRIBUTIONS AS THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTIVITY AWARDS CO-CHAIRS.
2 THESE TWO REMARKABLE MANAGERS HAVE RAISED THE BAR AGAIN THIS
3 YEAR. THE THEME FOR OUR 17TH ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM, "ENRICHING
4 LIVES," UNDERSCORES OUR COMMITMENT TO PRODUCTIVITY
5 ENHANCEMENT, COST SAVINGS, AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT, AS WELL AS
6 INGENUITY AND BENEFICIAL COLLABORATION. CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL
7 THE AWARD WINNING PROGRAM MANAGERS HERE TODAY. THE COMMISSION
8 IS PROUD TO HONOR YOUR EFFORTS TO ENRICH LIVES, FOR ALL THE
9 PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I SALUTE YOU. THANK YOU.

10 [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ACCEPTING OUR FIRST AWARD FOR THE BEST
13 APPLICATION OF TECHNOLOGY IS THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE WITH
14 THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE FOR THEIR ENTERPRISE
15 GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM PROJECT. ACCEPTING IS THE
16 DIRECTOR, JOHN FULLINWIDER AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
17 OFFICER, DAVID JANSSEN, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGERS GREG MELENDEZ,
18 GREG HIROKOWA AND THE PROJECT TEAM. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THE BEST INNOVATIVE USE OF
21 TECHNOLOGY AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR
22 THEIR FAMILY CRIMES BUREAU PAPERLESS AUTOMATION PROJECT.
23 ACCEPTING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS CHIEF WILLIAM
24 MCSWEENEY, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER, VICTOR RAMPULA, KAREN



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1 ANDERSON AND THE PROJECT TEAM. YES. CONGRATULATIONS.

2 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE BEST INTERAGENCY COOPERATION AWARD IS

5 PRESENTED TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH INTERNAL SERVICES

6 DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR LOS ANGELES REGIONAL TACTICAL

7 COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. ACCEPTING FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

8 IS CHIEF WILLIAM MCSWEENEY, INTERNAL SERVICES INTERIM

9 DIRECTOR, DAVE LAMBERTSON, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER VICTOR

10 RAMPULA, KAREN ANDERSON, JANE CLAUSON, KAREN LOQUETTE AND THE

11 PROJECT TEAM. CONGRATULATIONS. [INDISTINCT VOICES] [

12 APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE BEST QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARD IS

15 PRESENTED TO THE OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR FOR THE ASSESSOR'S

16 PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS

17 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE DIRECTOR, GILL PARISY, PRODUCTIVITY

18 MANAGER, RENNIN HELDAGO, CHRIS DALTH LANTANA, JUDY CHOW AND

19 THE PROJECT TEAM. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THE COMMISSIONER'S

22 MEMORIAL AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

23 DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR MINIMIZING CALLER WAIT TIME BY USE OF A

24 FORECASTER. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES



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1 DIRECTOR, PHILLIP BROWNING, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER JULIE PAKE
2 AND THE PROJECT TEAM. WELL. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THE COUNTY IMAGE AND
5 ENHANCEMENT AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS
6 COMMISSION FOR THEIR LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOLIDAY CELEBRATION
7 NATIONAL T.V. BROADCAST. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS THE ARTS
8 COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAURA ZUCKER AND THE PROJECT
9 TEAM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE PERSONAL BEST AWARD IS PRESENTED TO
12 OFFICE OF THE ASSESSOR FOR THE INDUSTRIAL BUILDING COST WORK
13 SHEET PROGRAM. ACCEPTING THE AWARD FOR THE ASSESSOR IS
14 ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR, GILL PARISY, PRODUCTIVITY
15 MANAGER RENNIN HELDAGO, CHRISTO QUENTANA, JUDY CHOW AND
16 PROJECT MANAGER, JAMES KABANIS. THIS GROUP HAS REALLY BEEN
17 BUSY DOING GOOD WORK. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THE MEGA MILLION DOLLAR
20 AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES
21 FOR THEIR I.H.S.S. CASE REVIEW PROGRAM. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS
22 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR BRYCE
23 YOKOMIZO; PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER, ELLEN BROCK, ERNIE CASTILLOS
24 AND THE PROJECT TEAM. CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE] [
25 INDISTINCT VOICES]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE ARTHUR GUTTENBERG, TECHNOLOGY AWARD IS
3 PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THEIR
4 INTERACTIVE CUSTOMER INQUIRY. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS THE
5 DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS, JIM NOYES, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER
6 CHUCK HORN, RICHARD YELCY AND THE PROJECT TEAM.
7 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND NOW FOR THE 2003 COMMISSION TOP 10
10 AWARD WINNERS. THE FIRST TOP 10 AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE
11 REGISTRAR RECORDER'S COUNTY CLERK WITH THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE
12 FOR THEIR EMPOWERING BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED VOTER
13 PROJECT. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS FROM THE DEPARTMENT'S
14 REGISTRAR RECORDER COUNTY CLERK, CONNY MCCORMACK, PRODUCTIVITY
15 MANAGER, KATHLEEN CONNORS, ANN SMITH, AND THE PROJECT TEAM.
16 THEY'RE WORKING. OKAY. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE NEXT TOP 10 AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE,
20 CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE AND INTERNAL SERVICES FOR THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY AMBER ALERT SYSTEM. ACCEPTING THE AWARD FOR THE
22 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS CHIEF WILLIAM MCSWEENEY, THE CHIEF
23 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, DAVID JANSSEN, CHIEF INFORMATION
24 OFFICER, JOHN FULLINWIDER, INTERNAL SERVICES INTERIM DIRECTOR,
25 DAVE LAMBERTSON, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER, VICTOR RAMPULA, KAREN



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1 ANDERSON, CRAIG HIROKOWA, JANE CLAUSON, KAREN LOQUETTE, AND
2 THE PROJECT TEAM. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GREAT, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE NEXT TOP 10 AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE
7 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' FIRST DISTRICT WITH THE AGRICULTURAL
8 COMMISSIONERS WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
9 AFFAIRS FOR THEIR BUYER BEWARE PROGRAM. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS
10 FIRST DISTRICT SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, CATO FIKSDAL,
11 AGRICULTURE COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,
12 PASTOR HERRERA, DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, PRODUCTIVITY
13 MANAGER, RICHARD RUSSELL, TIM BASSELL, AND THE PROJECT TEAM.

14

15 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD JOB, GUYS. AWARD WINNING. HOW ABOUT THAT.
16 THERE WE GO. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THE NEXT TOP 10 AWARD IS
19 PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS WITH THE BOARD
20 OF SUPERVISORS FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD DISTRICT AND THE
21 EXECUTIVE OFFICE INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, LOS ANGELES
22 SUPERIOR COURT AND THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURE COMMISSION FOR THEIR
23 SELF-HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS. ACCEPTING IS SUPERVISOR MOLINA
24 FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR BURKE FOR THE SECOND
25 DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT,



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1 CONSUMER AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, PASTOR HERRERA, INTERNAL SERVICES
2 INTERIM DIRECTOR, DAVE LAMBERTSON, SUPERIOR COURT EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICE CAROL ROSE, CHAIR OF THE JUDICIAL PROCEDURE COMMUNITY
4 VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS, EXECUTIVE OFFICE PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER
5 TIM RUSSEL, JANE CLAUSON, KAREN LOQUETTE, SUSAN MATTERLY,
6 SYLVIA WHITE IRVING AND THE PROJECT TEAM. [APPLAUSE] [
7 INDISTINCT VOICES]

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE NEXT TOP 10 AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE
10 LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT, INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT FOR
11 THEIR SUPERIOR COURT WEB ON-LINE DATA SERVICE PROJECT.
12 ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS SUPERIOR COURT EXECUTIVE OFFICE
13 INTERNAL SERVICES INTERIM DIRECTOR, DAVE LAMBERTSON,
14 PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER SUSAN MATTERLY, SYLVIA WHITE IRVING, JANE
15 CLAUSON, KAREN LOQUETTE AND THE PROJECT TEAM. BOY, WE HAVE
16 SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO ARE JUST REPEAT WINNERS AND WINNERS. [
17 INDISTINCT VOICES]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE NEXT TOP 10 AWARD AND ALSO A RECIPIENT
20 OF THE COUNTY'S IMAGE ENHANCEMENT AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, KCBS
22 FM MARKETING AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
23 FOR TAG TOTALLY AGAINST GRAFFITI. ACCEPTING THE AWARD IS
24 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR, JIM NOYES, THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT, CHIEF WILLIAM M. MCSWEENEY, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER,



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1 CHUCK HORN, RICHARD YAUCY, VICTOR RAMPUA, KAREN ANDERSON AND
2 THE PROJECT TEAM. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES]

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE NEXT TOP 10 AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE
5 PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR WIN PROGRAM. ACCEPTING THE
6 AWARD IS THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER, RICHARD SHUMSKY,
7 PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER, CAROLYN CONNOR AND THE PROJECT TEAM. [
8 APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS.

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12 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE BRONZE EAGLE AWARD IS PRESENTED TO THE
15 DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
16 FAMILY SERVICES AND L.A. IMPACT OFFICE FOR THEIR DRUG
17 ENDANGERED CHILDREN RESPONSE TEAM PROJECT. ACCEPTING IS THE
18 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, STEVE COOLEY; CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE
19 DIRECTOR, DAVID SANDERS; AND CHIEF DEPUTY, JOHN OPPENHEIM;
20 PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER, MIA BAKER, BEVERLY YATES, AND THE
21 PROJECT TEAM. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. THE SILVER EAGLE AWARD
24 WINNER IS PRESENTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORONER, WITH THE
25 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICE, COUNTY COUNSEL,



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1 INTERNAL SERVICES AND TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR FOR THEIR E-
2 COMMERCE BLAST CORNER MARKETING INTO THE FUTURE. ACCEPTING THE
3 AWARD IS DEPARTMENT OF CORONER, DIRECTOR ANTHONY HERNANDEZ AND
4 CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER CORONER DR. LACHMAN AND THE AUDITOR-
5 CONTROLLER, TYLER MCCAULEY; CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, JOHN
6 FULLINWIDER, COUNTY COUNSEL, LLOYD PELLMAN, INTERNAL SERVICES
7 INTERIM DIRECTOR, DAVE LAMBERTSON, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR
8 MARK SALADINO, PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER, SARAH OLMINA, JAMES
9 HAZLAK, MARYANNE WRIGHT, GREG MELENDEZ, KAREN CLAUSON, KAREN
10 LOQUETTE, MIKE HERMAN AND THE PROJECT TEAM. SAME THING OVER
11 AGAIN. [APPLAUSE] [INDISTINCT VOICES]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND CONGRATULATIONS. AND NOW THE
14 COMMISSION'S TOP AWARD, THE GOLD EAGLE AWARD, AND THE
15 RECIPIENT OF THE 2003 PERFORMANCE MEASURE AWARD IS PROUDLY
16 PRESENTED TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND
17 HARBOR, FOR THEIR COASTAL MONITORING NETWORK PROGRAM.
18 ACCEPTING THE AWARD FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IS CHIEF DEPUTY
19 GARY LOCKHART, BEACHES AND HARBOR DIRECTOR, STAN WISINSKI,
20 PRODUCTIVITY MANAGER, DEBBIE PROUTY, CHRIS GRANDON, VIRGINIA
21 BORTON AND THE PROJECT TEAM. CHIEF LOCKHART AND STAN WOULD
22 LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS, CONGRATULATIONS, DID WE
25 GET EVERYBODY UP HERE YET? [INDISTINCT VOICES] [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU DID IT, GREAT, CONGRATULATIONS.

3

4 **GARY LOCKHART:** A LITTLE BIT TALLER THAN THE SUPERVISOR HERE.

5 ON BEHALF OF THE FIRE CHIEF AND MY DEPUTY CHIEF, PAUL

6 SCHUSTER, AND ALL THE OTHER AWARDEES, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK

7 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING AND REWARDING THE

8 TRIUMPHS OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT. THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY

9 AWARDS, THE AWARD IS FANTASTIC, IF YOU REALLY THINK ABOUT IT.

10 IT'S A PROGRAM THAT ENCOURAGES INGENUITY, INITIATIVE,

11 INNOVATION, CREATIVITY, PRODUCTIVITY, QUALITY SERVICE, AND AS

12 THE SUPERVISOR SAID, SAVED THE COUNTY TAXPAYER OVER A HUNDRED

13 MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR. I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE

14 PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION. THEY PAINSTAKINGLY HAD TO REVIEW OVER

15 A HUNDRED PROJECTS. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY DID IT. THERE'S SO

16 MANY GREAT AND WONDERFUL THINGS GOING ON WITHIN THE COUNTY,

17 AND IT'S KIND OF HUMBLING HERE ACCEPTING THIS AWARD, SEEING

18 ALL THOSE GREAT AWARDS THAT CAME BEFORE ME AND US. THERE'S SO

19 MANY GOOD THINGS GOING ON WITHIN THE COUNTY, AND YOU GUYS DID

20 A REMARKABLE JOB JUST SORTING THROUGH ALL THAT. I'D ALSO LIKE

21 TO RECOGNIZE THE PROJECT TEAM, AND IT WAS THEIR VISION, THEIR

22 CREATIVITY, THEIR DEDICATION, THEIR COMMITMENT THAT PUT THIS

23 PROGRAM TOGETHER, THIS COASTAL MONITORING PROGRAM, THAT WILL

24 TRULY HELP SAFEGUARD LIVES, PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, PRESERVE

25 PROPERTY, AND PROVIDE A TOTAL SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC. OUR GOAL



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1 IS TO ENRICH LIVES, AND THIS PROGRAM TRULY DOES THAT. AND I'LL
2 -- I'M GOING TO MAKE IT BRIEF. MARGARET MEAD ONCE SAID "NEVER
3 DOUBT THE ABILITY OF A SMALL GROUP OF COMMITTED PEOPLE TO
4 CHANGE THE WORLD. IN FACT, NO-ONE ELSE EVER HAS.'" AND I'M SO
5 PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS L.A. COUNTY FAMILY THAT IS SO
6 DEDICATED AND COMMITTED TO ENRICHING LIVES AND CHANGING THE
7 WORLD OF OUR CITIZENS. THANKS. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **STAN WISNIEWSKI:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS FOR THIS HONOR. IT WAS NICE BEING TEAMED UP WITH
11 THE LIFEGUARD DIVISION IN A SUPPORT ROLE TO HELP BRING THIS
12 PROGRAM ABOUT. AS I REFLECT BACK ON THE PROGRAM, IT'S A GOOD
13 EXAMPLE OF HOW THE LIFEGUARDS BRING THEIR PASSION FOR THE
14 BEACH CLOSER TO THE BEACH USERS. IT'S A LOT MORE CONVENIENT TO
15 PULL UP THE INTERNET, TAKE A LOOK AT THE BEACH AND SEE IF IT'S
16 SUNNY OR THE WAVES ARE GOOD THAT DAY FOR A GOOD SURF. SO IT
17 WAS A GREAT PROJECT. ALSO THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY
18 COMMISSION HAS ALWAYS ENCOURAGED DEPARTMENTS TO WORK TOGETHER,
19 AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE TOP 10 AWARDS TODAY, ALL OF THEM WERE
20 MULTI-DEPARTMENT, MULTI-AGENCY AWARDS. AS THEY HAVE ENCOURAGED
21 THAT OVER THE YEARS, THE STRATEGIC PLAN THAT THE C.A.O. HAS
22 BEEN PRESSING ON FOR A NUMBER -- FOR A YEAR AND A HALF OR TWO
23 YEARS NOW I THINK IT ALSO SHOWS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THAT PLAN
24 FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, BRINGING DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER. IN MY
25 31 YEARS OF SERVICE, I'VE NEVER SEEN A GREATER SPIRIT AMONGST



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1 ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND IT'S REALLY PROUD TO BE AN
2 EMPLOYEE OF THIS COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK HOWARD JACOBS TO COME
7 FORWARD. [APPLAUSE]

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
10 GENTLEMEN, HOWARD JACOBS HAS SERVED WITH DISTINCTION FOR FIVE
11 YEARS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON H.I.V. HEALTH
12 SERVICES, WHERE HE HAS MASTERFULLY COMBINED THE EFFORTS OF
13 COMMUNITY SERVICE PROVIDERS, THE COMMISSION, AND LOS ANGELES
14 COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES OFFICE OF A.I.D.S.
15 PROGRAMS AND POLICY IN COMBATTING H.I.V./A.I.D.S. HOWARD HAS
16 BEEN A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH A.I.D.S.,
17 SHARING HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCES AND INSIGHTS AS A CONSUMER OF
18 H.I.V./A.I.D.S. SERVICES TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF THOSE
19 AFFECTED BY THE DISEASE. HE HAS LED THE COMMISSION TO DEVELOP
20 A COMPREHENSIVE NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO COORDINATE PREVENTION IN
21 MEDICAL SERVICES AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL
22 RYAN WHITE CARE ACT FUNDS TO OUR COMMUNITY. HE'S BEEN A
23 DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AND CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL IN HIS
24 NUMEROUS CAPACITIES AS THE PUBLIC POLICY CO-CHAIR FOR THE
25 COMMISSION, THE LEGISLATIVE CHAIR OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA



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1 H.I.V. ADVOCACY COALITION, A MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE
2 H.I.V. CARE CONSUMER ADVISORY BOARD, FORMER LEAD DEPUTY TO
3 MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN JEFFREY PRANG OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND
4 FORMER DIRECTOR OF GRASSROOTS PROGRAMS FOR A.I.D.S. PROJECTS-
5 LOS ANGELES. HOWARD HAS DECIDED TO LEAVE THE COMMISSION AND
6 TURN OVER HIS SLOT TO SOMEBODY ELSE, SELF-IMPOSED TERM LIMITS,
7 I GUESS WE WOULD SAY. WE TRIED TO CONVINCE HIM NOT TO LEAVE
8 BECAUSE HIS ROLE ON THAT COMMISSION HAS BEEN EXTREMELY
9 VALUABLE, NOT ONLY TO ME AND MY STAFF, BUT ALSO TO THE
10 COMMUNITY WE SERVE AND THE COMMUNITIES ALL OVER THE COUNTY.
11 BUT I RESPECT YOUR DECISION AND IT SPEAKS TO YOUR OWN
12 INTEGRITY AND COMMITMENT TO THE PEOPLE WE ALL COMMONLY SERVE,
13 HOWARD, AND I APPRECIATE THAT. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WANTS TO HEREBY COMMEND HOWARD JACOBS FOR
15 HIS UNPARALLELED DEDICATION AND OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
16 TOWARDS IMPROVING THE H.I.V./A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE DELIVERY
17 SYSTEM AND FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN THE CONTINUED FIGHT AGAINST
18 THIS DISEASE. HE'S EXTENDED SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS
19 UPON HIS RETIREMENT WITH BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN
20 ALL FUTURE ENDEAVORS AND IT'S SIGNED BY ALL FIVE OF US. WE
21 APPRECIATE YOUR SERVICE VERY, VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **HOWARD JACOBS:** AS A PERSON WHO'S BEEN LIVING WITH A.I.D.S. FOR
24 OVER 14 YEARS, I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE IN FRONT OF YOU
25 TODAY IF IT WAS NOT FOR THE COMMITMENT OF THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS, AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THEM FOR MAKING H.I.V.
2 SERVICE DELIVERY A PRIORITY HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I ALSO
3 WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR TWO OF THE HARDEST WORKING
4 HEALTH DEPUTIES I THINK WORK HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND
5 THAT'S RON HANSON AND CAROL KIM FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S
6 OFFICE. I REALLY APPRECIATE THEIR ACCESS AS WELL AS THEIR
7 DEDICATION AND LEADERSHIP TO HELP MAKE ME A BETTER ADVOCATE
8 FOR THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT NUMBER THREE. FINALLY, I'D ALSO
9 LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHO I THINK IS ONE OF
10 THE FINEST LEADERS ON H.I.V. DISEASE HERE IN LOS ANGELES
11 COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. I AM REALLY
12 HONORED BY HIS COMMITMENT TO HELPING PEOPLE JUST LIKE MYSELF
13 FIGURE OUT A WAY TO LIVE HEALTHFULLY WITH A HIGH QUALITY OF
14 LIFE, AND IT'S REALLY -- I'M HUMBLLED, REALLY, BY HIS HONOR AND
15 HIS RECOGNITION, AND I REALLY APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO
16 SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF DISTRICT NUMBER THREE AND THE COUNTY OF
17 LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH -- I'M SORRY.
20 SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS? SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO INTRODUCE A
24 GROUP OF OUR MEMBERS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE
25 DONE A LITTLE EXTRA. AND THAT IS BY CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION



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1 AND RECEIVING A DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, A MASTER'S
2 DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT UNIVERSITY. WE HAVE WITH US DEPARTMENT
4 CHIEF WILLIAM MCSWEENEY, WHO IS GOING TO JOIN US IN MAKING
5 THIS RECOGNITION, ALONG WITH NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES TOM GREEN
6 AND MAGGIE YAGBIGAR. UNIVERSITY, THE FIRST OF ITS KINDS IN THE
7 NATION, IS A CONSORTIUM OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES
8 THROUGHOUT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THAT INCLUDES BOTH OUR PUBLIC
9 AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS, WHICH IS BASED IN SAN DIEGO, AND
10 THAT'S NATIONAL UNIVERSITY. SO AT THIS TIME, WE WANT TO
11 RECOGNIZE EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO'VE TAKEN THE TIME TO
12 PURSUE THEIR EDUCATION AND TO RECEIVE THIS MASTER'S DEGREE IN
13 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. FIRST IS SHARI ANTHONY. SHARI. [
14 APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALJENDRA ELIENDA -- ALIANDRA. HOW ARE YOU? [
17 APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROMANDO RIVERA WITH CAPTAIN ALAN TOMICH. [
20 APPLAUSE]

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUITMAN CARTER. [APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALISA DE VICTORIA. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EUGENE ECKHART. [APPLAUSE]

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ERIC GIBBS. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** JEFFREY GORDON. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ASHISHA HARPS BELL. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICHAEL KOMIA. [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EUGENA LOPEZ. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VERA MADRIGAL. [APPLAUSE]

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** EDWARD MATSON. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COLLEEN MURPHY. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOHNNIE OATS. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MICHAEL PROTONG. [APPLAUSE]

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GINA PERSONS. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU KEPT GOING RIGHT IN FRONT OF THIS --

2 MARVIN SMITH. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ATHEA TAYLOR. [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ROMERA GUENCIAN. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SONNY ADIVIA. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARMEN VILIO GOMEZ. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TO CHIEF WILLIAM MCSWEENEY, WE WANT TO
13 GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR
14 LEADERSHIP IN HAVING THIS. [APPLAUSE]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FROM NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, MAGGIE YAGBIGAR
17 AND TOM GREEN. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST, CHIEF MCSWEENEY.

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21 **CHIEF MCSWEENEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY
22 A COUPLE OF WORDS. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS EXTREMELY PROUD
23 OF THE PEOPLE BEHIND ME. ALL OF THEM ARE WORKING FULL TIME,
24 MANY OF THEM SHIFT WORK, AS ALL OF YOU RECOGNIZE, TO PURSUE A
25 MASTER'S DEGREE MID CAREER IS NOT EASY IN ANY OCCUPATION, BUT



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1 IN THE POLICE PROFESSION, IT'S PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT, AND WE
2 ARE EXTREMELY PROUD OF THEM. I MIGHT ALSO LET YOU KNOW, WE ARE
3 EXTREMELY PROUD OF MORE THAN A THOUSAND MEMBERS OF THE
4 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHO HAVE PURSUED AND ACHIEVED DEGREES
5 THROUGH WHAT WE CALL THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
6 UNIVERSITY, IT'S A VISION OF SHERIFF BACA'S, HE'S A STRONG
7 BELIEVER IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE
8 DEGREES HAVE BEEN PURSUED AND EARNED BY OVER A THOUSAND
9 MEMBERS OF OUR DEPARTMENT AND THE LINE CONTINUES. THIS IS JUST
10 ONE WAVE OF THE NEW CHAMPIONS WE HAVE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [
11 APPLAUSE]

12

13 **MAGGIE YAGBIGAR:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. ON
14 BEHALF OF NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STAFF AND FACULTY, I'D LIKE TO
15 THANK THE SUPERVISORS FOR ACKNOWLEDGING OUR GRADUATES TODAY.
16 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN WE DO A GROUP? IS IT POSSIBLE? [
19 INDISTINCT VOICES]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AS WE RECOGNIZE THE FIELD AND THE IMPORTANCE
22 OF EDUCATION AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TODAY, WE WANT TO
23 ALSO RECOGNIZE NINE OF OUR EDUCATORS WHO HAVE BEEN NAMED LOS
24 ANGELES COUNTY TEACHERS OF THE YEAR FOR THE 2003/2004 SCHOOL
25 YEAR THROUGH THE 22ND ANNUAL COMPETITION ORGANIZED BY OUR LOS



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1 ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION. THESE NINE EDUCATORS WERE
2 JUDGED BY THEIR PEERS AS THE BEST IN PUBLIC EDUCATION THIS
3 ACADEMIC YEAR. AND THIS FALL THEY WILL COMPETE WITH OTHERS
4 FROM AROUND CALIFORNIA FOR THE NATIONAL TEACHER OF THE YEAR
5 2004 PROGRAM. JOINING US THEM THIS MORNING ALONG WITH THEIR
6 RESPECTIVE PRINCIPALS AND SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENTS IS DR.
7 DARLENE ROBLIS, OUR SUPERINTENDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
8 OFFICE OF EDUCATION, AND SOPHIA WAUGH, WHO IS MY APPOINTEE TO
9 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION TO THE COUNTY OFFICE
10 OF EDUCATION. OUR FIRST RECIPIENT IS PAMELA ATKINS, WHO IS A
11 HOME ECONOMICS INSTRUCTOR AT CHARTER OAK HIGH SCHOOL IN
12 COVINA, AND WITH HER IS THE PRINCIPAL, RICHARD EBBERS AND
13 SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, BRIAN ACRES. CONGRATULATIONS. DR. JOHN
14 LOTZ, THE SUPERINTENDENT IS HERE. WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

15

16 **PAMELA ATKINS:** ON BEHALF OF CHARTER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, IT WAS A GREAT HONOR AND I'M GLAD TO BE
18 HERE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RICHARD VERSHEY IS A SCIENCE TEACHER AT
21 GLENDORA HIGH SCHOOL. ATTENDING WITH HIM IS THE PRINCIPAL,
22 GREG PITCO, AND SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, DOUG FARRELL.
23 CONGRATULATIONS.

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1 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS, AND I'M ACCEPTING
2 THIS AWARD FOR ALL THE TEACHERS AT MY HIGH SCHOOL. THANK YOU.
3 [APPLAUSE]

4
5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OUR NEXT RECIPIENT IS KATHERINE BUHER, WHO IS
6 A SECOND AND THIRD GRADE INSTRUCTOR WITH NORTH PARK ELEMENTARY
7 SCHOOL OF VALENCIA AND ATTENDING WITH HER IS PRINCIPAL
8 KATHERINE LAWES AND SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, JUDY UMEK. AND WE
9 HAVE OUR OWN SUPERINTENDENT AS WELL. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

10
11 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT HONOR, AND I SHARE THIS WITH
12 ALL THE WONDERFUL, HARD WORKING AND DEDICATED TEACHERS IN OUR
13 COUNTY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

14
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JAMIE -- IS IT GOODRICH, GOODROW, JAMIE
16 GOODROW, WHO IS A HISTORY TEACHER AT LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL IN
17 LANCASTER, AND ATTENDING WITH HER IS HER PRINCIPAL, BILL
18 APPLETON AND SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, JIM LOTT, AND WE WERE
19 JUST THERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO AND WE REPLANTED SOME OF THE
20 TREES AS WELL. SO. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

21
22 **JAMIE GOODROW:** I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND THE
23 LOS ANGELES SUPERVISORS HERE. THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND ALSO, I
24 STAND HERE BEFORE YOU REPRESENTING A COMMUNITY THAT WORKS
25 HARD, THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WORKS HARD TO SUPPORT OUR TEACHERS.



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1 IT'S A WONDERFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND I WANT
2 TO THANK ALL OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE TEACHERS IN THE
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE NEXT RECIPIENT IS KATHERINE NOVINE, WHO
6 IS A SEVENTH GRADE ENGLISH TEACHER AT SIERRA VISTA JUNIOR
7 SCHOOL IN CANYON COUNTRY. ATTENDING WITH HER IS HER PRINCIPAL
8 RANDY PARKER, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, PHILLIP ELLIS, AND
9 PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, PAT WILLET. CONGRATULATIONS. [
10 APPLAUSE]

11

12 **KATHERINE NOVINE:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD
13 OF SUPERVISORS FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT, AND ALSO I WOULD LIKE
14 TO SAY THAT I VERY MUCH FEEL AS THOUGH I'M A REPRESENTATIVE OF
15 MY DISTRICT AND THE SCHOOL WHICH INSPIRES ME TO BE THE TEACHER
16 THAT I AM. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE LAST RECIPIENT IS FROM COVINA, GLENDA
19 SWAGGER, WHO IS AN ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR AT NORTH VIEW HIGH
20 SCHOOL AND ATTENDING WITH HER IS HER PRINCIPAL, DR. RICHARD
21 SHEAHAN, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, DR. MARY HANES,
22 SUPERINTENDENT MICHAEL MILLER AND ACTING ASSISTANT
23 SUPERINTENDENT DAVID SAMUELSON. HOW ARE YOU? DO YOU WANT TO
24 SAY SOMETHING? [APPLAUSE]

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1 **GLENDA SWAGGER:** THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION IS
2 TRULY PROUD TO HONOR OUR TEACHERS IN THE COUNTY BY SPONSORING
3 THIS EVENT. AND AS YOU CAN SEE TODAY, THIS IS JUST AN EXAMPLE
4 OF THE WONDERFUL TEACHERS THAT WE HAVE IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I
5 AGAIN WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS RECOGNITION,
6 AND AGAIN, I WANT TO APPLAUD ALL OF THEIR EFFORTS AND AGAIN
7 SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] [
8 INDISTINCT VOICES]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE HAVE A LITTLE 8-WEEK-OLD, A LITTLE BOY
11 NAMED TEDDY, HE'S A SHEPHERD/CHOW MIX, WHO IS HERE LOOKING FOR
12 A HOME.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** HE'S THE CUTEST LITTLE DOG, THIS IS A CUTE DOG.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT IS A CUTE DOG.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO JUST IN TIME FOR THANKSGIVING.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MY DOG HAS BEEN BAD, HE'S BEEN PUNISHED.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS LITTLE TEDDY. ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO
23 ADOPT LITTLE TEDDY? YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER, (562)
24 728-4644. [INDISTINCT VOICES]

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE VIDEO OF THAT, GET THAT ONE. [

2 LAUGHTER]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BAPTIZED BY PAPERS. [LAUGHTER]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OH, BOY.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** OH WELL.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE DAY I WAS CHANGING MY LITTLE BOY'S
11 DIAPER, AND HE GOT ME RIGHT IN THE EYE SO THIS IS NOTHING. [

12 LAUGHTER]

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S BETTER DOWN THE SUIT THAN IN THE EYE. [

15 LAUGHTER]

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** DON'T BE SHAKING MY HAND, MIKE. [LAUGHTER] [

18 INDISTINCT VOICES]

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I GUESS FIRST UP IS SUPERVISOR -- OH, NO --
21 YEAH, MOLINA. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE -- IT'S PAST 11, AND I THINK
22 I SHOULD CALL S-1, BUT BEFORE I DO THAT, SUPERVISOR KNABE, DO
23 YOU WANT TO CONTINUE ONE OF YOUR MATTERS?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE ITEM NUMBER 5. I MEAN, NUMBER
2 5 IS MY MOTION ON THE AGENDA, AND I'M GOING TO CONTINUE THAT
3 FOR TWO WEEKS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY'RE CALLING THE
4 TASK FORCE BACK TOGETHER TO EVALUATE EXACTLY WHAT'S GOING ON
5 THERE AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN TWO WEEKS. IS THAT
6 CORRECT?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, ITEM 5 WILL
9 BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS WITH THE TASK FORCE TO REPORT BACK
10 ON THAT ITEM. AND ITEM 2 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS BY --
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WAS HOLDING THAT AND THAT'LL BE
12 CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. WE'LL
13 NOW CALL S-1. I KNOW WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE HERE WHO WISH TO
14 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. CITY ATTORNEY DELGADILLO IS HERE. WE'D
15 LIKE TO CALL HIM UP TO MAKE HIS STATEMENT. IS THERE A
16 REPRESENTATIVE ALSO FROM L.A.U.S.D. WHO WOULD LIKE TO COME
17 FORWARD? AND I THINK THAT'S KEVIN REED, THE ACTING GENERAL
18 COUNSEL. KEPT HIM BACK THERE TOO LONG. AND TIM BARESH I GUESS
19 IS ALSO GOING TO BE SPEAKING TO US. GOOD TO SEE YOU.

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21 **ROCKY DELGADILLO:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
22 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS
23 OPPORTUNITY TO BE HERE THIS MORNING. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT
24 S-1, OUR CAMPUS SAFETY INITIATIVE. EVERY CHILD HAS A RIGHT TO
25 HAVE CLEAN AND SAFE SCHOOLS. FOR ME, AND I THINK FOR EVERYONE,



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1 THIS IS A CIVIL RIGHTS ISSUE. AS YOU MIGHT KNOW SOME -- ABOUT
2 18 MONTHS AGO, WE STARTED A NEIGHBORHOOD PROSECUTOR INITIATIVE
3 WHERE WE PUT PROSECUTORS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. MY PROSECUTORS
4 WERE ASKED TO LOOK AT OUR SCHOOLS AND THEY MET ON A REGULAR
5 BASIS IN OUR SCHOOLS WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY, MEMBERS OF
6 THE NEIGHBORHOOD. THEY CAME AWAY WITH CERTAIN IMPRESSIONS
7 ABOUT OUR EXISTING SCHOOLS IN L.A.U.S.D. WHERE, ON OCCASION,
8 THERE WERE NO FIRE EXTINGUISHERS, TRASH CANS WERE CHAINED TO
9 THE CAFETERIA WHERE THE FOOD SERVICES WERE BEING PROVIDED,
10 THERE WERE NO DRINKING FOUNTAINS, CEILING TILES WERE FALLING,
11 LOCKED BATHROOMS, AND POOR CONDITIONS IN BATHROOMS. L.A.U.S.D.
12 ANNOUNCED A SO-CALLED, QUOTE, UNQUOTE, SURPRISE INSPECTIONS OF
13 THEIR SCHOOLS. THE SCHOOLS WERE GIVEN MORE THAN ONE WEEK'S
14 NOTICE THAT THE INSPECTIONS WOULD OCCUR. THESE WERE SURPRISE
15 INSPECTIONS, BUT THE ONLY SURPRISE WAS THAT THE SCHOOLS DID
16 NOT CLEAN UP IN TIME FOR THE INSPECTIONS. THE INSPECTIONS'
17 RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS: 3%, 3% OF THE SCHOOLS WERE RATED
18 GOOD. 55% WERE RATED FAIR. 42% WERE RATED POOR. STUDIES SHOW A
19 LINK BETWEEN THE CONDITIONS IN SCHOOL AND THE LEVEL OF
20 ACHIEVEMENT BY STUDENTS, U.C.L.A. LAW SCHOOL PROGRAM AND
21 PUBLIC INTEREST LAW REPORTED THAT STUDENTS IN POORLY
22 MAINTAINED SCHOOLS SCORED BETWEEN FIVE AND 11% BELOW STUDENTS
23 IN WELL MAINTAINED SCHOOLS. THE STUDY ALSO SHOWED THAT WHEN
24 CONDITIONS IMPROVED, TEST SCORES IMPROVED. THE STATE MANDATES
25 THAT CHILDREN GO TO SCHOOL. IN FACT, MY OFFICE HAS AN ANTI-



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1 TRUANCY PROGRAM THAT PROSECUTES PARENTS WHO DO NOT SEND THEIR
2 CHILDREN TO SCHOOL. IF WE DEMAND THAT CHILDREN ATTEND SCHOOL,
3 WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE AND HEALTHY. THERE
4 ARE STATE MAINTENANCE STANDARDS FOR PRISONS, BUT NOT FOR
5 SCHOOLS. FELONS HAVE STANDARDS FOR THEIR CAFETERIAS, BUT NOT
6 OUR CHILDREN. A STATE STATUTE WAS ENACTED IN 1989 THAT
7 REQUIRED A STATE ARCHITECT TO DEVELOP MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES
8 FOR SCHOOLS. 14 YEARS LATER, THOSE STANDARDS HAVE NEVER BEEN
9 ADDRESSED. PARENTS HAVE A RIGHT TO KNOW WHAT THE CONDITIONS
10 ARE AT THE SCHOOLS THEIR CHILDREN ATTEND. THE L.A.U.S.D.
11 CLAIMED THAT THE RESULTS OF THEIR INSPECTIONS ARE ON THEIR WEB
12 SITE, BUT I TRIED TO FIND IT WITH THE HELP OF A COMPUTER
13 EXPERT IN MY OFFICE, AND WE COULD NOT FIND THE RESULTS. YOU
14 SHOULD NOT NEED A DEGREE FROM CAL TECH OR M.I.T. TO FIND OUT
15 IF YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL IS SAFE. I HAVE SPOKEN WITH GOVERNOR
16 ROEMER, AS I'M SURE MOST OF YOU HAVE DONE. I BELIEVE HE RAISES
17 SOME VERY GOOD POINTS, SUCH AS THE IMPROVEMENTS MADE IN THE
18 TEST SCORES AT L.A.U.S.D. AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF NEW SCHOOLS.
19 HE IS AND SHOULD BE PROUD OF THOSE ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND I
20 COMMEND HIM FOR THAT. GOVERNOR ROEMER AND I AGREE THAT
21 INSPECTIONS ARE IMPORTANT. THE BOND MEASURE THAT IS BEING
22 PLACED ON THE BALLOT IN MARCH IS VITAL TO CONTINUE TO TURN
23 AROUND THE SCHOOLS, AND WE AGREE THAT WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN TO
24 EDUCATE OUR CHILDREN. THEY ARE, AFTER ALL, THE FUTURE OF OUR
25 CITY. WE AGREE ON A GREAT DEAL, BUT WE DISAGREE ON THE NEED



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1 FOR AN OPEN INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF THE SAFETY AND HYGIENE
2 OF OUR SCHOOLS. MY OFFICE HAS WORKED WITH A BROAD COALITION OF
3 ELECTED OFFICIALS AND TEACHERS UNION REPRESENTATIVE TO GAIN
4 SUPPORT OF THE INSPECTIONS. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT ALEX BADIA,
5 CITY COUNCILMAN BERNARD PARKS, SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT, JOSE
6 WIZAR, U.T.L.A.'S PRESIDENT JOHN PEREZ. INFORMING THE PUBLIC
7 IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF GOVERNMENT. I URGE
8 YOU TO JOIN WITH THE CITY IN THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT INITIATIVE
9 TO BRING TO LIGHT ISSUES THAT ARE AFFECTING THE QUALITY OF OUR
10 CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND ULTIMATELY THEIR FUTURE. AND AS A
11 PROSECUTOR, I HAVE TO TELL YOU, I SEE TOO OFTEN THOSE WHO
12 LEAVE SCHOOL, A POORLY PERFORMANCE SCHOOL, IN MY SITUATION, IN
13 MY COURT, WHERE IT IS MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE THAN WHAT IT COSTS
14 TO EDUCATE THEM. SO I URGE YOUR SUPPORT OF S-1. THANK YOU.

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WHO WISHES TO SPEAK NEXT FROM
17 THE -- MR. BARESH, ARE YOU SPEAKING NEXT OR?

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19 **TIM BARESH:** SURE. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. I THINK IT'S
20 IMPORTANT TO PUT THINGS IN CONTEXT OUT HERE AS YOU CONTEMPLATE
21 THIS TYPE OF --

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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1 **TIM BARESH:** THIS TIM BARESH, I'M THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER
2 FOR THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. RECOGNIZE FIRST
3 THAT L.A.U.S.D. HAS OVER 11,000 BUILDINGS AND OVER 600
4 CAFETERIAS THROUGHOUT OUR SYSTEM. SO THE SCOPE OF THE WORK
5 THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO MAINTAIN THOSE FACILITIES AND KEEP
6 THEM SAFE AND HYGIENE IS VERY, VERY LARGE. I'D LIKE YOU TO
7 CONSIDER HOW MANY RESOURCES L.A.U.S.D. HAS IN PLACE SIMPLY TO
8 TAKE CARE OF THESE. FIRST, WE HAVE OVER 1300 PEOPLE THAT ARE
9 CERTIFIED IN THE SERVE SAFE FOOD HANDLING PROCEDURES. THIS IS
10 PART OF OUR INTERNAL STANDARDS AND PROTOCOL REQUIRED FOR
11 CAFETERIA FOOD SAFETY. WE HAVE OVER 600 PEOPLE CONDUCTING BOTH
12 REGULAR AND RANDOM FOOD HEALTH INSPECTIONS IN OUR CAFETERIAS.
13 WE HAVE 140 INSPECTORS IN MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION. THAT
14 INCLUDES SPECIALISTS IN CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SPECIALISTS, ITS
15 OWN UNIQUE AREA, AND OVER 20 PEST MANAGEMENT INSPECTORS AND
16 TECHNICIANS. ALSO, WITHIN OUR OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
17 AND SAFETY, WE HAVE OVER 41 INSPECTORS WITH SPECIALISTS IN
18 ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY, ASBESTOS, PLAYGROUND SAFETY, LABORATORY
19 SAFETY, SPORTS SAFETY. ALTOGETHER, L.A.U.S.D. SPENDS CLOSE TO
20 \$10 MILLION A YEAR JUST INSPECTING OUR FACILITIES. THAT DOES
21 NOT INCLUDE NEW CONSTRUCTION, WHICH HAS ITS OWN SEPARATE FORCE
22 OF 170 PEOPLE. NOW, REST ROOMS COME UP A LOT. HERE ARE THE
23 INTERNAL STANDARDS OF L.A.U.S.D. ALL REST ROOMS GET CLEANED
24 LIGHTLY TWICE PER DAY WHILE THE KIDS ARE THERE; MORE IF IT'S
25 NEEDED. IN ADDITION, AT NIGHT, WHEN THE REST ROOMS ARE EMPTIED



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1 OUT, THEY ARE CLEANED THOROUGHLY, SO WE KNOW THAT EVERY SCHOOL
2 STARTS THE DAY WITH EVERY REST ROOM CLEAN. NOW, THE ONLY TIME
3 REST ROOMS ARE LOCKED IS IF THEY'RE IN NEED OF SERVICING, IF
4 THEY'VE SOMEHOW BECOME OVERUSED OR TRASHED BY THE STUDENTS OR
5 IF THERE'S A PLUMBING PROBLEM, BUT EVEN WITH PLUMBING
6 PROBLEMS, OUR NUMBER OF TROUBLE CALLS AT THE SCHOOLS IS DOWN
7 OVER 70% FROM WHERE IT WAS LAST YEAR. IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS
8 ALONE, WE PUT OVER \$20 MILLION INTO THE REST ROOM PROGRAM,
9 BOTH FOR IMPROVING THE CONSTRUCTION OF THEM AND MAKING
10 NECESSARY REPAIRS AND TO PROVIDE ADDED BATHROOM ATTENDANCE,
11 ESPECIALLY AT THE SECONDARY LEVEL, WHERE WE HAD THE GREATEST
12 SEVERITY, MOSTLY DRIVEN BY OVERCROWDING AND OVER-USAGE. I
13 THINK WE ARE MAKING TREMENDOUS HEADWAY ON THE BATHROOM
14 PROBLEM. THERE ARE MANY INSPECTIONS OF THE BATHROOMS THAT TAKE
15 PLACE. FOR INSTANCE, ALL MEMBERS OF MY STAFF, WHEN THEY VISIT
16 A SCHOOL, NEVER USE THE FACULTY REST ROOM. WE USE THE STUDENT
17 REST ROOMS. THOSE ARE UNPLANNED, UNANNOUNCED, SURPRISE VISITS,
18 AS WELL AS FROM ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE GOING OUT INTO THAT. NOW
19 THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE RATINGS THAT WE GAVE OUR
20 SCHOOLS LAST YEAR. LAST YEAR, WE FELT THAT THERE NEEDED TO BE
21 A WAKE-UP CALL, THAT SOME OF THE SCHOOLS WERE NOT TAKING
22 SCHOOL SAFETY SERIOUSLY ENOUGH, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO
23 CERTAIN AREAS OF O.S.H.A. COMPLIANCE, AND WE GRADED VERY
24 STRICTLY. OUR STANDARDS THAT OUR INSPECTORS USE ARE NICE AND
25 THOROUGH, THEY ARE WELCOME FOR ANYBODY TO INSPECT AND TAKE



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1 ADVANTAGE OF THAT. ROCKY, I'LL BE HAPPY TO SHOW YOU WHERE TO
2 FIND THAT REPORT ON THE WEB SITE. WE DID NOT SHOW EACH OF THE
3 DETAILED INSPECTIONS IN FULL DETAIL ON THAT, I'M NOT SURE THAT
4 THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO PEOPLE. WE CAN CERTAINLY MAKE THAT
5 AVAILABLE. ONE OF THE THINGS IS IMPORTANT IS IN THOSE
6 INSPECTIONS, WE HAD CERTAIN ISSUES THAT WE CONSIDERED TO BE
7 VERY SEVERE FOR WHICH WE WOULD RATE A SCHOOL IMMEDIATELY POOR.
8 ALL OF THOSE WERE CORRECTED. MOST OF THEM WITHIN A MATTER OF
9 DAYS OR WEEKS AFTER THEY WERE FIRST NOTED OUT THERE. IN THE
10 AREA OF FOOD SERVICE, WE HAVE A HALF MILLION PEOPLE A DAY
11 EATING WITHIN OUR SCHOOLS. FOR MANY OF OUR KIDS, THE BREAKFAST
12 AND LUNCH THEY GET AT SCHOOLS MAY BE THEIR ONLY MEAL, SO WE
13 TAKE FOOD SAFETY VERY, VERY SERIOUSLY. NOW, COUNTY HEALTH
14 PROVIDED FOOD INSPECTIONS IN OUR CAFETERIAS UP UNTIL ABOUT TWO
15 YEARS AGO, AT WHICH POINT IT WAS SCALED BACK. THAT DROVE US IN
16 A GOOD SENSE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CERTIFIED INSPECTORS
17 WITHIN OUR OWN SYSTEM. COUNTY HEALTH CONTINUES TO COLLABORATE
18 WITH US, PROVIDING SPOT INSPECTIONS, PROVIDING COACHING ON OUR
19 SAFETY AND FOOD HANDLING PROCEDURES AS WELL AS RESPONDING TO
20 INCIDENT CALLS. THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT 75 INCIDENTS CALLED INTO
21 COUNTY HEALTH IN THE LAST TWO YEARS. 60 OF THOSE RESULTED IN A
22 CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKING PLACE IN THE FIELD. THIS IS AN AREA
23 THAT WE PAY A LOT OF ATTENTION TO. WE WOULD WELCOME INCREASED
24 PARTICIPATION BY COUNTY HEALTH. THAT'S A GOOD RELATIONSHIP,
25 AND WE'LL TAKE ALL THE RESOURCES THAT WE CAN GET THERE. I



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1 THINK A LOT OF THE PROBLEMS THAT WE GET NOTICED OUT THERE IS
2 THE SIMPLE FACT THAT OUR SCHOOLS ARE VERY CROWDED AND SUBJECT
3 TO VERY HEAVY USE. AND WE HAVE 3,000, 4,000, 5,000 PEOPLE ON A
4 CAMPUS, WHEN THAT BELL RINGS AND THOSE KIDS GO TO THE
5 BATHROOM, THERE'S A LOT OF TRAFFIC THAT GOES THROUGH THERE
6 VERY QUICKLY. THE ONLY REAL SOLUTION TO THAT PROBLEM IS TO GET
7 NEW SCHOOLS ON-LINE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN AND TO CATCH UP WITH
8 THE REPAIR ON OUR EXISTING SCHOOLS. EXCUSE ME. THE DISTRICT
9 HAS NOW SPENT SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS JUST MAKING REPAIRS ON
10 THE SCHOOLS. IT'S A SHAME THAT THEY FELL SO FAR BEHIND, BUT
11 WE'RE CATCHING UP AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN. AS ROCKY POINTED OUT,
12 THE NEXT BOND ISSUE IS CRITICAL TO BOTH INCREASING OUR
13 CAPACITY AND PROVIDING ADDITIONAL, MUCH NEEDED REPAIR FUNDS SO
14 THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO OVERCOME THE DETERIORATION IN THE
15 SCHOOLS. AT THIS POINT, I WOULD WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE
16 BOARD.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. YES. WOULD YOU STATE
19 YOUR NAME? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?
20 YES.

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22 **SPEAKER:** BUCKLAND ALSO FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY.

23
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH, DO YOU WISH TO MAKE A STATEMENT?
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1 **SPEAKER:** IT'S NOT NECESSARY.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT YES?

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5 **VALERIE FLORES:** AND I'M VALARIE FLORES FROM THE CITY
6 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE ALSO.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WISH TO MAKE A STATEMENT?

9

10 **VALERIE FLORES:** NO THANK YOU, NOT AT THIS TIME.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THEN YES THE NEXT GENTLEMAN.

13

14 **KEVIN REED:** KEVIN REED, ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL FOR L.A.
15 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD TO
16 MR. BARESH, BUT I'M HERE TO RESPOND TO ANY QUESTIONS THE BOARD
17 MAY HAVE.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS OF MR.
20 BARESH?

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO ASK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THEY
23 COULD STAY, IF THEY WISH, BUT, YOU KNOW, I DID A READ-IN AT A
24 SCHOOL --

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D LIKE EVERYONE ELSE WHO IS NOT SPEAKING
2 TO LET SOMEONE ELSE TAKE THEIR SEAT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I DID A READ-IN AT A SCHOOL LAST WEEK IN
5 PASADENA, AT THE JACKSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. IT WAS AN OLDER
6 SCHOOL. BUT IT WAS EXTREMELY, EXTREMELY CLEAN. THEY HAVE AN
7 AWFUL LOT OF STUDENTS THERE, BUT EVERYTHING WAS CLEAN AND THE
8 REST ROOMS OPERATIONAL, SO THE AGE OF THE SCHOOL DOESN'T
9 NECESSARILY PREVENT CLEAN REST ROOMS FROM FUNCTIONING ANY MORE
10 THAN A NEW SCHOOL PREVENTS NEW REST ROOMS FROM OPENING AND IF
11 YOU HAVE A NEW SCHOOL BUT YOU KEEP THEM DIRTY AND LOCKED OR
12 NOT HAVING THE PUBLIC HEALTH WITH THE ABILITY OF MAINTAINING A
13 CLEAN REST ROOM FACILITY, THAT REALLY IMPACTS ON THE STUDENTS'
14 ABILITY TO LEARN, AND I SAY THAT AS A FORMER EDUCATOR. YOU
15 CAN'T EDUCATE STUDENTS IF THEY DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO HAVE
16 ACCESS TO THE REST ROOMS, AND THE PRINCIPAL AND THE TEACHERS
17 OF THE SCHOOL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT THE REST
18 ROOMS ARE SAFE AND SECURE FOR THEIR CLIENTELE, THE STUDENTS.
19 BUT TO THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, LET'S SAY TO THE HEALTH
20 DEPARTMENT, IF THE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT WOULD AGREE, COULD
21 A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OR CONTRACT BE ESTABLISHED FOR
22 AN INSPECTION PROGRAM?

23

24 **SPEAKER:** THE QUESTION IS, IF THEY WERE TO AGREE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AGREE TO A PILOT PROJECT?

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3 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE'D BE HAPPY TO WORK ON A M.O.U. WITH THE
4 L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AND WITH OTHER DISTRICTS
5 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, BECAUSE WE DO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY FOR
6 THE ENTIRE COUNTY. THE ISSUE FOR US IS FUNDING.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO COULD THE M.O.U. INCLUDE INSPECTION FEE OR
9 FEES?

10

11 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS WERE ABLE TO PAY US
12 FOR THAT. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER SOURCE FOR THE FEE OTHER
13 THAN FROM THE SCHOOLS AT THIS POINT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE PROCESS TAKEN BY THE OFFICE OF
16 STATE ARCHITECT ONCE THEY RECEIVE A REPORT FROM YOUR OFFICE,
17 THE COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS REGARDING INAPPROPRIATE
18 SANITARY CONDITIONS AT A SCHOOL?

19

20 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** I DON'T THINK WE HAVE ANY EVIDENCE THAT THEY
21 HAVE THE ABILITY TO FOLLOW UP ON THOSE REPORTS, SUPERVISOR.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY CAN ISSUE A REPORT BUT DON'T HAVE THE
24 ABILITY TO FOLLOW UP ON THE REPORT?

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1 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL WE'VE SEEN NO EVIDENCE OF -- THAT REPORTS
2 THAT HAVE GONE TO THE STATE ARCHITECT HAVE -- OF THIS SORT
3 HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED UP ON.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEY HAVE A LARGE CIRCULAR FILE I GUESS.
6 WHAT IS THE PROCESS THAT THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD TAKE THAT
7 WOULD ENSURE THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS COULD COMPLY WITH BASIC
8 SANITATION STANDARDS?

9

10 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, THE TWO PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT WERE
11 APPROVED AND SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR THIS YEAR, BOTH GIVE THE
12 STATE ALLOCATION BOARD A ROLE IN DETERMINING THAT FUNDS COULD
13 BE CUT OFF FOR SCHOOLS IF THEY WERE NOT FOLLOWING THE
14 STANDARDS RELATIVE TO THIS, BUT IT'S NOT AT ALL CLEAR WHO
15 WOULD MAKE THE REPORTS TO THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD AND HOW
16 THEY WOULD DETERMINE WHETHER TO TAKE THIS RATHER DRASTIC STEP.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM HAVE STATE
19 HEALTH AND SAFETY SUB-STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL REST ROOMS
20 AND CAFETERIA CONDITIONS?

21

22 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WELL, AS THE GENTLEMAN FROM L.A.U.S.D.
23 INDICATED, THEY'RE FOLLOWING THE SAFE-SERVE HASUP STANDARDS
24 WHICH ARE SOMEWHAT EQUIVALENT TO THE CAREFUL STANDARDS, THE
25 RETAIL FOOD FACILITY STANDARDS THAT WE APPLY TO RESTAURANTS



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1 AND TO MARKETS. THE MAIN AREA -- THAT FOCUSES UPON A PROCESS
2 AND HAZARDOUS CONTROL, POINTS WHERE YOU MAY HAVE HAZARDS
3 OCCUR. IT DOESN'T FOCUS NEARLY AS MUCH ON THE PHYSICAL
4 ENVIRONMENT AS OUR OVERALL INSPECTION DOES. AND WE'RE UNAWARE
5 OF ANY SPECIFIC STATE STANDARDS THAT APPLY STATE-WIDE TO ALL
6 SCHOOLS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DOES THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAVE THE
9 AUTHORITY OF SHUTTING DOWN A SCHOOL CAFETERIA BECAUSE OF
10 SANITARY CONDITIONS?

11

12 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** IF WE FOUND THAT THERE WAS A COMMUNICABLE
13 DISEASE PROBLEM, AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE PROBLEM THAT WAS
14 OCCURRING BECAUSE OF PRACTICES WITHIN THE CAFETERIA, WE
15 BELIEVE WE HAVE THE HEALTH OFFICER AUTHORITY TO SHUT IT DOWN.
16 WE DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE ROUTINE
17 INSPECTIONS THAT MAY OCCUR RELATIVE TO CAFETERIAS.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WHAT ABOUT THE SCHOOL REST ROOM WHERE
20 THEY HAVE UNSANITARY CONDITIONS WHICH COULD PROVIDE A SPREAD
21 OF A DISEASE?

22

23 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** UNLESS WE HAD EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS ACTUAL
24 DISEASE SPREAD BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION IN THE REST ROOM, WE



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1 DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE THE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY. THAT WAS
2 BASED UPON THE COUNTY COUNSEL'S OPINION.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE CONDITIONS WERE SO -- THE
5 CONDITIONS WERE SO BAD THAT IT WAS PREVENTING THE USAGE OF
6 THOSE FACILITIES BY STUDENTS, EVEN IF THEY HAD ACCESS TO THEM,
7 ISN'T THERE A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM RIGHT BY THAT ENVIRONMENT?

8

9 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** THERE IS, SUPERVISOR. WE THINK THAT THE BIGGER
10 ISSUE IS THAT IT'S AN UNSAFE AND IMPROPER ENVIRONMENT FOR
11 STUDENTS TO LEARN IN AND FOR STUDENTS TO GO TO SCHOOL. THERE
12 ARE SOME PUBLIC HEALTH QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO REST ROOMS,
13 PARTICULARLY IF STUDENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO WASH THEIR HANDS
14 AFTER THEY EAT OR AFTER THEY -- OR ARE NOT ABLE TO USE THE
15 REST ROOM.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN THE LEGISLATION THAT WAS PASSED BY SENATOR
18 MURRAY, IT STATES THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHICH FAIL TO MEET THE
19 STANDARDS OF HAVING REST ROOMS OPEN DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND TO
20 KEEP EVERY REST ROOM CLEAN AND FULLY OPERATIONAL AND PROPERLY
21 SUPPLIED, FAILURE TO COMPLY WOULD BE DETERMINED BY THE STATE
22 ALLOCATION BOARD. NOW HOW THE STATE ALLOCATION BOARD WILL
23 SUPERCEDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WAS INTERESTING. SO
24 I TALKED TO SENATOR MURRAY YESTERDAY AT AN EVENT WHERE WE BOTH
25 SPOKE, AND I TOLD HIM THAT IF HE REALLY WANTS TO FOLLOW UP ON



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1 HIS LEGISLATION, HE NEEDS TO INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
2 HEALTH WITH THE FUNDING THAT'S NECESSARY TO DO THE JOB, AND HE
3 AGREED HE WOULD FOLLOW UP ON THAT. AND SO DURING THE CURRENT
4 LEGISLATIVE SESSION NEXT YEAR, WE CAN DISCUSS THIS ISSUE ONCE
5 AGAIN. BUT WHAT IS THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OPINION AS TO THE
6 COUNTY'S ENFORCEMENT OF REST ROOM FACILITIES IN A PUBLIC
7 SCHOOL?

8

9 **ROCKY DELGADILLO:** THIS IS ROCKY DELGADILLO. WE HAVE A
10 DIFFERENT OPINION THAN COUNTY COUNSEL. BECAUSE THE STATE
11 ARCHITECT HAS NOT PROMULGATED REGULATIONS, THE LAW DOES STATE
12 THAT WE HAVE INSPECTION AUTHORITY. IT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY
13 STATE THAT WE HAVE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY. WE HAVE DONE
14 EXTENSIVE RESEARCH AND WE'VE GONE AND LOOKED TO THE CASES.
15 WE'VE ALSO LOOKED AT THE LEGISLATIVE HISTORY, WHICH IS WHAT
16 YOU DO WHEN THERE IS NO CASE LAW ON POINT, AND I'M SURE THE
17 COUNTY COUNSEL HAS DONE THAT, ALTHOUGH THEY MAKE NO MENTION OF
18 IT IN THEIR OPINION, AND WE BELIEVE THAT THE LEGISLATIVE
19 HISTORY DOES SUPPORT OUR ABILITY TO ENFORCE OUR CODES IN THE
20 CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AND OF COURSE IT MAKES COMMON SENSE, IF
21 YOU GO TO A JUDGE, ANY FAIR MINDED JUDGE, YOU GO TO THEM AND
22 SAY, "WELL WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO INSPECT BUT YOU HAVE NO
23 ABILITY TO ENFORCE," WHAT -- IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY -- THERE'S NO
24 CORRELATION THERE. SO I'D BE WILLING TO GO TO ANY FAIR MINDED
25 JUDGE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND SAY, "TELL US WHETHER OR



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1 NOT WE HAVE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY." WE BELIEVE IN THAT
2 INSTANCE, WE WOULD HAVE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY AND WOULD BE
3 ABLE TO DEAL WITH THESE ISSUES AT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE BOARD PASSED A MOTION TODAY, WHICH
6 WOULD DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO WORK WITH LOS ANGELES
7 CITY TO DEVELOP A PILOT PROGRAM TO SEND INSPECTORS TO
8 ACCOMPANY THEIR STAFF FOR A PILOT PROGRAM AND MEET WITH THE
9 L.A. UNIFIED DISTRICT AND THE L.A. COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
10 TO DEVELOP A COOPERATIVELY FUNDED SCHOOL INSPECTION PROGRAM,
11 DIRECT THEM TO DO THAT AND REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD NEXT
12 MONTH, IN 30 DAYS, DO YOU FEEL THAT IS A STEP FORWARD?
13

14 **ROCKY DELGADILLO:** I'D FEEL IT'S A STEP FORWARD. OBVIOUSLY I
15 BELIEVE THERE ARE CHILDREN IN OUR SCHOOLS TODAY WHO CAN'T USE
16 THE REST ROOMS, WHO HAVE POOR LIGHTING IN THEIR CLASSROOMS,
17 WHO HAVE CEILING TILES DOWN, WHO HAVE VERMIN IN THE CAFETERIAS
18 AND IT'S IMPACTING THEIR ABILITY TO SUCCEED IN LIFE, AND I
19 BELIEVE AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE WE'RE GOING TO PAY A LOT
20 MORE TO PROSECUTE THEM AND PUT THEM IN PRISON. I THINK WE
21 SPEND NOW \$40,000 A YEAR FOR PRISONERS AND 25,000 A YEAR FOR
22 OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN. IT'S JUST NOT RIGHT. BUT IT IS A STEP
23 FORWARD.
24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY AND EVERY PRISONER HAS HIS OWN TOILET
2 FACILITY TOO.

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4 **ROCKY DELGADILLO:** OWN TOILET AND A GREAT CAFETERIA WITH
5 STANDARDS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, RIGHT, RIGHT. MADAM CHAIR, IF WE COULD
8 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT TO WORK WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE
9 CITY ATTORNEY TO DEVELOP A PILOT PROGRAM AND REPORT BACK IN 30
10 DAYS ON WHAT THEIR RESULTS ARE SO THAT WE CAN DISCUSS IT AT
11 THAT TIME. AND THEN ON SENATOR MURRAY'S BILL, WE'LL FOLLOW
12 THOSE EFFORTS AND DISCUSS THAT IN THE COMING YEAR.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. BARESH ASKED TO SPEAK, AND THEN THERE'S
15 SOME PEOPLE WHO'VE ASKED US TO ALSO MAKE PRESENTATIONS. MR.
16 DELKER, WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK AT THIS TIME? AND I'D LIKE TO
17 CALL MURRAY JOHNSON FORWARD, AND MICHAEL EUGENE.

18

19 **TIM BARESH:** MADAM SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE MEMBERS OF MY STAFF HERE
20 FROM EACH OF THE RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENTS. THOSE ARE THE NAMES
21 YOU JUST READ OFF, AND THEY'RE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO ANY
22 PARTICULAR QUESTIONS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO THE BOARD.
23 OTHERWISE, WE CAN WITHHOLD. I WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND TO SOME OF
24 THE QUESTIONS THAT THE SUPERVISOR RAISED.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME FORWARD,
2 THE PEOPLE FROM THE STAFF, IS THERE SOMETHING DIFFERENT THAT
3 THEY WOULD RESPOND? I MEAN I THINK THAT THE QUESTION REALLY
4 HAS TO BE, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION OF
5 WHAT PEOPLE HAVE SEEN AND OBSERVED AND WHAT CAN BE DONE TO
6 CORRECT IT, AND I GUESS THE THING I WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM
7 THE COUNSEL IS, ARE YOU DISPUTING THE OPINION OF THE CITY
8 ATTORNEY OR THE COUNTY COUNSEL? I GUESS THAT'S THE ISSUE I'D
9 LIKE TO YEAH?

10

11 **TIM BARESH:** PERHAPS BEFORE WE EVEN GET INTO THE LEGAL AREA OF
12 THAT, YOU KNOW, COUNTY HEALTH IS WELCOME IN OUR SCHOOLS AT ANY
13 TIME. YOU KNOW, AS I SAID BEFORE, THE TRADITION FOR MANY, MANY
14 YEARS WAS FOR COUNTY HEALTH TO COME IN AND DO THESE
15 INSPECTIONS, JUST AS THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY
16 COMES IN AND DOES AN ANNUAL INSPECTION OF EACH ONE OF OUR
17 SCHOOLS. THEY'RE WELCOME TO COME IN AT ANY TIME, AND IN TERMS
18 OF ENFORCEMENT, IF THE COUNTY FOUND SOMETHING WRONG, LET ME
19 ASSURE YOU, THAT GOES RIGHT UP TO THE VERY TOP TO GET IT
20 CORRECTED IMMEDIATELY. THAT IS SOMETHING WE WOULD TAKE VERY
21 SERIOUSLY, JUST AS WE WOULD TAKE A SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION FROM
22 THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AS I SAID BEFORE, WE DO COLLABORATE WITH
23 COUNTY HEALTH, WE WELCOME THEIR INPUT. THERE MAY BE SLIGHT
24 DIFFERENCES IN VARIOUS STANDARDS, BUT THESE ARE PROFESSIONAL
25 QUESTIONS THAT PROFESSIONALS COME TO A VERY QUICK CONSENSUS



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1 ON, AND I WOULD WELCOME THEIR INPUT AT ANY TIME. I DON'T THINK
2 THAT IS OR SHOULD BE AN ISSUE EVER. BOTH PARTIES ARE CONCERNED
3 WITH THE SAFETY OF KIDS AND WE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THAT.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I MEAN, AT THIS POINT, LIKE FOR THE
6 CAFETERIAS AT SCHOOLS, WHO DOES THAT INSPECTION?

7

8 **TIM BARESH:** RIGHT NOW, THE DISTRICT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN
9 INSPECTIONS AND WE HAVE A WHOLE SERIES OF PEOPLE THAT ARE
10 INVOLVED IN THAT, SUPERVISOR. FOR INSTANCE, THE CAFETERIA
11 MANAGER IS REQUIRED ONCE A MONTH TO DO A DETAILED TOP DOWN
12 THOROUGH INSPECTION. THE REGIONAL FOOD SUPERVISORS COME IN AND
13 DO THOSE AT LEAST, AND ANNUALLY THERE IS A VERY DETAILED
14 INSPECTION DONE, AS WELL AS THE DAILY SERVICE HANDLING
15 INSPECTIONS WHICH ARE TAKEN CARE OF BY MANY PEOPLE. WE ALSO
16 HAVE AT LEAST A COUPLE OF DOZEN PEOPLE THAT FLOAT BETWEEN
17 CAFETERIAS DOING RANDOM, UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS OF ANY ASPECT
18 OF THE CAFETERIA OPERATION.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THE UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS THAT ARE BEING
21 DONE ARE, I MEAN, ARE THEY TRAINED INSPECTORS OR ARE THEY
22 PRIMARILY FOOD SERVICE INSPECTORS? AND MY POINT IS, IF YOU'RE
23 GOING TO DO THAT, I MEAN YOU CAN DO THE REST ROOMS, YOU KNOW,
24 I MEAN I DON'T -- AT THE SAME TIME. I MEAN, WHAT KIND OF
25 INSPECTORS ARE THEY?



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2 **TIM BARESH:** WELL, WITHIN THE CAFETERIA YOU HAVE A NUMBER OF
3 DIFFERENT KINDS OF INSPECTORS ON THERE, WE HAVE PEOPLE RELATED
4 TO THE SAFETY OF FOOD HANDLING, PROCESSING, STORAGE, THE
5 CLEANLINESS OF IT. YOU ALSO HAVE A SERIES OF OVER 21 PEOPLE
6 OUT OF M.N.O. THAT ARE LOOKING AT THE --

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** M.N.O. BEING?

9

10 **TIM BARESH:** MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS, LOOKING AT THE
11 PHYSICAL CONDITIONS IN THERE. THAT MIGHT BE PLUMBING CODE
12 ISSUES ON THAT, REFRIGERATION UNITS, QUALITY OF THE CEILING,
13 THAT TYPE OF THING. SO WE HAVE A FAIR NUMBER OF PEOPLE OUT
14 THERE IN THE SCHOOLS RIGHT NOW. THE REST ROOMS, ANYBODY CAN
15 INSPECT A REST ROOM, YOU JUST WALK IN TO USE IT AND YOU WILL
16 GET A PRETTY QUICK SENSE OF WHAT THE CONDITIONS ARE WITH IT.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, DOES THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAVE IN PLACE A I
19 GUESS A CONTINGENCY PLAN OF ANY SORT? I MEAN, IF YOU START
20 INSPECTING AND YOU SHUT DOWN REST ROOMS OR CAFETERIAS, WHAT
21 HAPPENS?

22

23 **TIM BARESH:** WELL WE WOULD SHUT IT DOWN TO GET IT CLEANED AND
24 REPAIRED IMMEDIATELY ON THAT. ANYTHING, AN ISSUE OF REPAIR
25 WITHIN THE CAFETERIAS OR THE REST ROOMS GOES TO THE TOP OF THE



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1 PRIORITY LIST, AND THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR FIXING TROUBLE
2 CALLS RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO THAT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** IMMEDIATELY. IT'S LIKE WITHIN 24 HOURS, OR SAME
5 DAY, IF POSSIBLE?

6

7 **TIM BARESH:** WITHIN 24 HOURS. NOW, AGAIN, GIVEN THE AGE OF OUR
8 SCHOOLS, OCCASIONALLY THAT TURNS OUT TO BE A BIGGER PROBLEM.
9 YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY KNOCKS A TOILET OFF THE WALL AND CRACKS THE
10 PIPE BACK INTO THE WALL, THAT'S GOING TO TAKE US A LITTLE BIT
11 LONGER TO REPAIR. AND UNFORTUNATELY, VANDALISM IS AN ISSUE
12 THAT WE HAVE IN SOME OF THE AREAS.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THE COUNTY INSPECTORS DON'T DO ANYTHING AS IT
15 RELATES TO THE CAFETERIAS AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT LIKE WE DO
16 FOR RESTAURANTS?

17

18 **JOHN SCHUNHOFF:** WE ONLY GO INTO SCHOOLS ON A COMPLAINT BASIS
19 RIGHT NOW. WE AVERAGE ABOUT A HUNDRED A YEAR FOR SCHOOLS
20 ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. PROBABLY ABOUT HALF OF THOSE ARE
21 L.A.U.S.D., BUT WE GO INTO SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTY BASED
22 UPON COMPLAINTS.

23

24 **KEVIN REED:** AND IF I MAY RESPOND TO MRS. BURKE'S QUESTION, AND
25 I WANT TO ECHO WHAT MR. BARESH SAID. I DO THINK THAT THE



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1 EXPERIENCE THAT THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS HAD, I'M
2 SORRY, I'M KEVIN REED, ACTING GENERAL COUNSEL FOR L.A. UNIFIED
3 SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE EXPERIENCE THE DISTRICT HAS HAD WITH THE
4 COUNTY HAS SHOWN THAT WHEN THE COUNTY'S COME IN, DONE AN
5 INSPECTION, FOUND A PROBLEM, IT HAS BEEN CORRECTED, THAT
6 RELATIONSHIP HAS WORKED VERY WELL. AS TO THE SPECIFIC QUESTION
7 AS TO WHETHER THE CITY OR THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE THE
8 ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE A CITATION AGAINST THE SCHOOL
9 DISTRICT, IN SO FAR AS TO LEVY A FINE OR OTHERWISE, YOU KNOW,
10 TAKE THE DISTRICT TO COURT AND BE COERCIVE IN ITS APPROACH, I
11 DO DISAGREE WITH THE OPINION EXPRESSED BY MR. DELGADILLO. I'VE
12 REVIEWED HIS MEMO. I THINK IT'S A VERY WELL DONE LEGAL
13 ANALYSIS, BUT I DO NOTE THAT IT SELF-CONCLUDES THAT THE ISSUE
14 IS FAR FROM CLEAR EVEN IN THEIR OWN ANALYSIS. THERE'S 50 YEARS
15 OF CASE LAW TO WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A
16 STATE AGENCY, IS A PARALLEL AGENCY, HAS SOME SOVEREIGNTY
17 UNLESS THE LEGISLATURE SPECIFICALLY WAIVES THAT IMMUNITY. AND
18 HERE, AS MR. DELGADILLO HIMSELF SAID TODAY, THERE IS NO
19 SPECIFIC WAIVER OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OR THE COUNTY OR
20 ANY OTHER SISTER AGENCY TO COME IN AND ENFORCE A CITATION. I
21 FRANKLY DON'T THINK IT WOULD EVER COME TO THAT, IF WE HAVE A
22 COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP AS WE HAVE THUS FAR, IN WORKING
23 TOGETHER AND THE COUNTY AND THE CITY HAVING ADDITIONAL
24 RESOURCES TO ASSESS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN UNDERSTANDING WHERE
25 THE ISSUES ARE SO THAT WE CAN RESPOND TO THEM.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT YOUR POSITION THAT IT'S THE COUNTY
3 AND CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY TO CORRECT THE PROBLEMS IN THE REST
4 ROOM? 'CAUSE YOU MENTIONED THE RESOURCES OF THE CITY AND
5 COUNTY HAVING THAT.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** ABSOLUTELY. I THINK TO CORRECT ANY PROBLEMS, IT WOULD
8 BE THE DISTRICT'S RESPONSIBILITY.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT I JUST WANTED TO CLEAR THAT UP,
11 BECAUSE YOU INDICATED THE COUNTY RESOURCE -- THE CITY AND
12 COUNTY RESOURCE.

13

14 **JIM DELKER:** BUT LET ME GO TO THE LEVEL OF RESOURCES WITHIN THE
15 DISTRICT. WE HAVE THE SAME BUDGET PRESSURES THAT ARE FACING
16 CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS AS WELL. L.A.U.S.D. IS LOOKING AT
17 A BUDGET DEFICIT NEXT YEAR OF OVER \$600 MILLION. WE'RE GOING
18 TO BE HARD-PRESSED TO MAINTAIN OUR CURRENT LEVEL OF RESOURCES
19 AND TO TRANSFER MONEY ANYWHERE ELSE WILL BE VERY, VERY
20 CHALLENGING FOR US.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I THINK WE ALL HAVE THOSE
23 PROBLEMS, BUT WE HAVE TO KEEP OUR PARK REST ROOMS CLEAN, YOU
24 KNOW, IF WE DON'T HAVE OUR PARK REST ROOMS CLEAN, I WANT TO
25 TELL YOU, I GET A CALL RIGHT AWAY. IF THE REST ROOMS IN THIS



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1 BUILDING WERE NOT CLEAN, BOY PEOPLE COME STREAMING DOWN HERE
2 SCREAMING, AND THAT'S TRUE OF ALL OF OUR FACILITIES, IT'S
3 TOUGH I KNOW, AND I REALIZE THAT WE ALL HAVE TREMENDOUS BUDGET
4 DEFICITS, HOWEVER THERE'S SOME VERY MINIMUM THINGS THAT WE
5 HAVE TO USUALLY ALLOCATE. AND SOMETIMES MAYBE YOU HAVE TO, I
6 MEAN YOU ALL HAVE, I'M SURE YOU HAVE JANITORS THERE. AND YOU
7 HAVE PEOPLE WHO HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO MAINTAIN THEM.

8

9 **JIM DELKER:** WE CERTAINLY DO, SUPERVISOR AND I GUESS MY POINT
10 IS THAT WE WOULD WANT TO TAKE OUR LIMITED RESOURCES AND PUT
11 THEM INTO KEEPING THEM CLEAN. AND IT WOULD BE HARD TO JUSTIFY
12 TO MY BOARD TRANSFERRING FUNDS OFF TO ANOTHER AGENCY TO
13 DUPLICATE INSPECTIONS THAT WE'RE ALREADY DOING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND THAT. UH-HUH. YES, MARY
16 JOHNSON.

17

18 **MARY JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS MARY JOHNSON. AND I JUST FOUND OUT
19 ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY. AND SO I HAVE A COLD. BUT I COULDN'T
20 MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THE ISSUE. DO I HAVE TO GIVE
21 MY ADDRESS OR JUST MY NAME?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU CAN JUST GIVE YOUR NAME.

24



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1 **MARY JOHNSON:** I AM A PARENT AND I LIVE IN SOUTH GATE. BUT I
2 HAVE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT CONSISTS OF PARENTS. AND
3 OUR ORGANIZATION IS CALLED THE PARENT U-TURN. AND FOR THE LAST
4 TWO SUMMERS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO AROUND TO DIFFERENT LOS
5 ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO INSPECT DIFFERENT SCHOOLS.
6 AND ALSO IN LYNWOOD, AND INGLEWOOD DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. AND WE
7 FOUND OUT THAT THE SCHOOLS, THE BATHROOMS AND THE CAFETERIA
8 WAS UNACCEPTABLE FOR THE KIDS IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE WENT ALSO
9 OUT TO SANTA MONICA TO COMPARE THE CONDITIONS OF THEIR
10 SCHOOLS, TO OUR SCHOOLS, AND SAFETY ISSUES ABOUT THE
11 CAFETERIA, WHAT THE CAFETERIA DON'T LIKE, ABOUT THE BATHROOMS,
12 WE FOUND OUT THAT A LOT OF THE BATHROOMS CLOSE AND WE ASKED
13 THE PRINCIPAL DIFFERENT THINGS AND THIS IS MAINLY IN DISTRICT
14 I AND DISTRICT J, WHERE IT IS A LOT OF OVERCROWDED AND MOSTLY
15 PEOPLE OF COLOR GO TO SCHOOL THERE. BUT OUR CONDITIONS ARE
16 THERE AND ARE REAL. WE ARE THERE ALMOST 365 DAYS A WEEK -- A
17 DAY. WE ARE THERE. AND MOST OF THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ARE
18 NOT THERE. THEY DON'T COME --; THEY COME IN AND THEY LEAVE OUT
19 IMMEDIATELY. WE'RE THERE TO SUPERVISE THE KIDS. WE'RE THERE TO
20 ASSIST THE SCHOOLS. BUT THE SERVICE THAT WE SEE THAT IS
21 GENERATED TO OUR KIDS IS UNACCEPTABLE BECAUSE THE CAFETERIA,
22 IN MANY AREAS THAT WE HAVE WE FOUND THAT THE KIDS AFTER LUNCH
23 GOT SICK MOST OF THE TIME. SO JUST LIKE DENIAL THAT THE L.A.
24 UNIFIED AND OTHER DISTRICT HAS THAT WE'RE MEETING THE
25 STANDARDS FOR THE A.P.I. FOR OUR KIDS IN THE SCHOOLS, OUR



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1 SCORES ARE GOING UP. THEY HAVE THE SAME THING NOW ABOUT
2 ACCOUNTABILITY FOR A PLACE FOR OUR KIDS TO BE, WHERE THEY CAN
3 GO TO A DESCENT ENVIRONMENT FOR LEARNING. THIS DOESN'T -- THIS
4 AFFECTS THE CHILDREN AS WELL AS THE TEACHERS. AND WE WAS ABLE
5 TO DOCUMENT A LOT OF THESE VIOLATIONS THAT THE L.A. UNIFIED
6 AND OTHER DISTRICTS LIKE INGLEWOOD AND LYNWOOD WAS DOING TO
7 OUR KIDS. OUR KIDS DESERVE THE BEST. I MEAN WE DON'T HAVE
8 ANYONE THAT WANT TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND SAY, YOU KNOW
9 WHAT? WE HAVE FAILED AND MAYBE YOU CAN HELP US BRING US IN
10 COMPLIANCE. BUT WE NEED SOMEONE TO HELP, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
11 TO BRING COMPLIANCE, BRING COMPLIANCE TO HELP OUR CHILDREN. TO
12 BE ABLE TO GO TO THE SCHOOL, NOT ONLY IN THE CLASSROOM, GET A
13 QUALITY EDUCATION OR HAVE ACCESS TO A QUALITY EDUCATION, BUT
14 TO BE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT WHERE THE BUILDING IS NOT FALLING
15 DOWN, WHERE THE BATHROOM WHEN -- WE WENT TO COUPLE IN WATTS,
16 BATHROOMS AND IT'S 3,500 KIDS THERE AT HIGH SCHOOL, THEY ONLY
17 HAD TWO BATHROOMS. AND WE GOT THIS INFORMATION FROM THE
18 CHILDREN. WE WAS ABLE TO DO FOCUS GROUPS. AND THE KIDS TOLD
19 US, TEACHERS, THERE IS ONLY ONE BATHROOM FOR THE FEMALE AND
20 ONE FOR THE MALE. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE FOR ANY HUMAN BEING.
21 AND THE THING IS THAT, IF WE TAKE -- IF WE MAKE STANDARDS,
22 LIKE THE GENTLEMAN SAID FOR THE PRISONS AND ARE WE SAYING THAT
23 THEY ARE BETTER THAN OUR CHILDREN, THE PRECIOUS THING THAT GOD
24 GAVE US? I MEAN WE'VE GOT TO MOLD MINDS AND HAVE THEM IN A
25 SAFE ENVIRONMENT. WHO IS GOING TO BE RESPONSIBLE? IF THE



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1 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS NOT DOING IT, SOMEONE HAS GOT TO STEP UP TO
2 THE PLATE AND DO IT FOR US. THE PARENTS, THEY'VE BROUGHT NO
3 CHILD UP BEHIND, THEY HAD A COMPLAINT WITH THAT. SO AND
4 EVERYONE IS DENYING ALL THESE THINGS. BUT WE WANT SOMEONE TO
5 HELP US IN OUR COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WE FEEL HELPLESS AS PARENTS.
6 AND WE ARE LOOKING TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO TELL THE SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT NO MORE. WE WILL WATCH OUT FOR OUR KIDS, THE OLDEST
8 TO THE YOUNGEST. BUT SOME ACCOUNTABILITY NEEDS TO COME AND WE
9 HAVEN'T HAD THAT. SO I BEG YOU TODAY CONSIDER THE CHILDREN.
10 AND, YOU KNOW, THE POLITICS BETWEEN -- IT'S POLITICS BUT TO
11 US, THIS IS OUR CHILDREN. EVERY DAY WE GO THERE TO SEE WHAT WE
12 CAN DO TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THE SYSTEM. WE HAVEN'T FOUND THAT
13 CHANGE. THAT'S WHY I CAME TODAY, EVEN SICK OR NOT. I MUST
14 EXPRESS THE DESIRE THAT THE PARENTS IN MY COMMUNITY OF LYNWOOD
15 AND SOUTH GATE AND ALL WE NEED, WE NEED HELP. WE HAVE OVER SIX
16 BATHROOMS AT ONE OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY, IN
17 LYNWOOD. WE ONLY HAVE THREE BATHROOMS OPEN FOR ALL 4500 KIDS.
18 YOU KNOW. AND THE PARENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLAINING, COMPLAINING
19 BUT THE LOCAL DISTRICT DON'T HEAR US. SO WHERE ELSE CAN WE GO
20 FOR HELP BUT TO HERE? THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I THINK THIS IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
23 ADDRESS. AND WE UNDERSTAND L.A. U.S. D. IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR
24 INGLEWOOD AND ALL THESE OTHER PLACES SO WE UNDERSTAND -- YES
25 MR BARESH UH-HUH.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT THEY ARE AT SOUTH GATE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SOUTH GATE THEY ARE.

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6 **MARY JOHNSON:** SOUTH GATE'S L.A.U.S. D. YES.

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8 **TIM BARESH:** SOUTH GATE IS DEFINITELY OURS, WASHINGTON AND
9 OTHER PLACES. THERE WAS A PATTERN OF PRINCIPALS LOCKING
10 BATHROOMS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE ADEQUATE RESOURCES TO KEEP
11 THEM CLEAN, THAT WAS ONE ISSUE. ANOTHER ISSUE IS JUST THE
12 ABILITY TO RESPOND TO THE TROUBLE CALLS IN THOSE. THIS SUMMER
13 WHEN WE ALLOCATED THE ADDITIONAL \$20 MILLION INTO BATHROOMS
14 THAT RESULTED IN 285 FULLTIME BATHROOM ATTENDANTS JUST AT HIGH
15 SCHOOLS, AND WE HAVE ROUGHLY 50 HIGH SCHOOLS, SO YOU CAN
16 DIRECT THAT OUT TO FOUR OR FIVE PER DISTRICT. THE ONLY THING
17 THOSE ATTENDANTS DO IS TEND TO THE BATHROOMS, KEEPING THEM
18 SERVICED, KEEPING THEM CLEANED UP UNTIL WE GET TO THE NIGHT
19 CUSTODIAL WORK ON IT. THAT AND THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF MONEY
20 GOING TO OUR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION STAFF HAS ALLOWED US TO
21 RESPOND TO TROUBLE CALLS MORE QUICKLY, WITH THE RESULT THAT
22 MOST OF THE BATHROOMS ARE KEPT OPEN. NOT ALWAYS. WE STILL HAVE
23 ISSUES. AND MY INSPECTION OF WASHINGTON PREP A COUPLE OF WEEKS
24 AGO, WE HAD -- SOMEBODY PUT A CHERRY BOMB INTO ONE OF THE
25 GARBAGE CONTAINERS AND WE HAD TO SHUT IT DOWN SO WE COULD



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1 CLEAN UP. YEAH WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE PLUMBING PROBLEMS
2 PERIODICALLY THAT WILL TAKE A REST ROOM OFF LINE FOR SOME
3 AMOUNT OF TIME. BUT THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE REST ROOMS ARE
4 NOW OPEN ALL THE TIME WHILE THE KIDS ARE THERE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** LIKE WHEN SHE COMMENTED THAT THREE OF THE SIX REST
7 ROOMS ARE SHUT DOWN, I MEAN WHEN YOU COMMENTED TO ME EARLIER
8 ABOUT THE 24-HOUR RESPONSE WHY WOULD LIKE 50 PERCENT OF THE
9 REST ROOMS BE CLOSED?

10

11 **TIM BARESH:** AGAIN I WANT TO STRESS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LAST
12 YEAR AND THIS YEAR, I MEAN ONE OF THE ISSUES IS GETTING ENOUGH
13 ATTENDANTS IN THERE TO BE ABLE TO POLICE AND MONITOR THE
14 BATHROOMS AND KEEP THEM SERVICED. SO THERE IS A DISTINCT
15 DIFFERENCE IN THE LEVEL OF SERVICE THAT WE HAVE OUT THERE,
16 LAST SCHOOL YEAR INTO THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** I UNDERSTAND. BUT I MEAN IF I ASSUME THAT -- YOUR
19 COMMENT WAS NOW, THAT THIS ONE PARTICULAR SCHOOL.

20

21 **MARY JOHNSON:** YEAH I AM TALKING ABOUT NOW. AND JORDAN HIGH
22 SCHOOL. WAS THE OTHER SCHOOL I WAS TALKING ABOUT, THAT THE
23 BATHROOMS WAS ONLY HAD LIMITED -- VERY LIMITED --

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, AND MAYBE, WILL YOU TALK TO HER
2 ABOUT THAT AND SEE IF YOU CAN -- IF THERE IS ANYTHING THAT CAN
3 BE DONE ABOUT THAT? AND IF YOU'LL TALK TO DALE HUFF IN MY
4 OFFICE. WHEN YOU OBSERVE SOMETHING LIKE THAT, IF WE CAN HELP
5 IN TERMS OF THE COUNTY CONTACTING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND
6 CONTACTING THE L.A.U.S.D. OR WHATEVER EDUCATION GROUP WE'LL DO
7 IT. OKAY, THANK YOU. THERE'S NO -- DID YOU HAVE A MOTION YOU
8 WERE INTRODUCING? WAS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WISHED TO SPEAK
9 WHO HAS NOT?

10

11 **MICHAEL EUGENE:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M MICHAEL EUGENE, I'M THE
12 BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER FOR L.A.U.S.D. I JUST WANTED TO
13 POINT OUT A COUPLE OF KEY POINTS. AS MR. BARESH HAD INDICATED,
14 WE HAVE 1,300 CERTIFIED SERVE-SAFE INSPECTORS IN OUR
15 CAFETERIAS. ANNUALIZED THEY CONDUCT 7,000 INSPECTIONS ON A
16 YEARLY BASIS. WE ALSO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT ORGANIZATION, THE
17 OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY. THEY CONDUCT AN
18 ADDITIONAL 1,500 HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS ON AN ANNUAL
19 BASIS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** REST ROOMS? REST ROOMS?

22

23 **MICHAEL EUGENE:** THAT'S CORRECT IS SIR. AT A COMBINED COST OF
24 APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION DOLLARS. THE DISTRICT IS IN A
25 SIGNIFICANT FISCAL CRISIS. IN THE COMING YEAR WE'RE PROJECTING



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1 A \$500 MILLION SHORTFALL. WHILE CERTAINLY AS THE CHIEF
2 OPERATING OFFICER HAS INDICATED, A PLEASANTRY TOWARDS A
3 PARTNERSHIP POSSIBILITY, I'D BE RELUCTANT TO INDICATE THAT WE
4 HAVE THE FINANCIAL WHEREWITHAL AS AN AGENCY TO PAY FOR
5 ADDITIONAL COST FOR COUNTY INSPECTIONS.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, YOU'RE WITH L.A.U.S.D.?

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9 **MICHAEL EUGENE:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, AND I'M NOT GOING TO PICK ON YOU, AND
12 IT'S NOT FAIR TO PICK ON YOU, BUT I HAVE TO SAY THAT WHEN THE
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS COMING TO THE -- JUST CAME TO THE TAXPAYERS
14 A YEAR OR TWO AGO AND ASKED FOR SEVERAL BILLION DOLLARS IN
15 AUTHORITY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, AND THIS IS AS BIG A PROBLEM
16 AS IT IS, THAT PERHAPS PORTION OF IT -- A PORTION OF THE BOND,
17 IT WOULD ONLY TAKE A SMALL PORTION OF IT, WOULD BE USED TO
18 SUPPORT THE CLEANUP AND THE UPGRADE OF THE REST ROOM
19 FACILITIES. NOW LET ME JUST SAY AS A PARENT OF TWO NOW YOUNG
20 ADULTS WHO ARE GRADUATES OF THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL SYSTEM AND
21 AS SOMEONE WHO TAKES A GREAT INTEREST IN THE L.A. UNIFIED
22 SCHOOL DISTRICT, AS A GRADUATE MYSELF, AND I'M SURE YOU AND
23 YOUR COLLEAGUES, GOVERNOR ROEMER ON DOWN, WHO CARE A LOT ABOUT
24 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT KNOW DAMN WELL THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF
25 BATHROOMS IN THIS SCHOOL DISTRICT THAT ARE UNUSABLE FOR A



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1 VARIETY OF REASONS. SOME FOR PLUMBING REASONS AND SOME FOR
2 SAFETY REASONS, AND SOME FOR BOTH. AND IT IS A PATHETIC
3 SITUATION THAT ANY CHILD GOING TO SCHOOL IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL
4 SYSTEM CAN'T GO TO THE BATHROOM FOR SIX OR SEVEN HOURS WHILE
5 THEY'RE IN SCHOOL BECAUSE THE TOILET'S PLUGGED UP OR BECAUSE
6 THEY FEAR FOR THEIR SAFETY. AND IF THAT TAKES A HALF BILLION
7 DOLLARS TO FIX, THEN YOU KNOW WHAT? ADD A HALF A BILLION
8 DOLLARS TO YOUR NEXT BOND ISSUE TO FIX BATHROOMS, OR CUT DOWN
9 THE AMOUNT OF BONDS FOR NEW SCHOOLS UNTIL YOU FIX THE
10 BATHROOMS. I DON'T THINK YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM FROM THE PEOPLE
11 OF THIS -- IF THEY'RE WILLING TO SPEND -- IF TWO-THIRDS OF THE
12 PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO SPEND, AS THEY WERE LAST TIME, SEVERAL
13 BILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD NEW SCHOOLS, THEY'RE GOING TO SPEND A
14 FEW BUCKS TO FIX THE BATHROOMS. AND WHAT IT TELLS ME THAT IT
15 WASN'T INCLUDED IS EITHER YOU -- EITHER YOU HAVE THE RESOURCES
16 THERE BUT YOU'VE CHOSEN TO SPEND IT OTHERWISE AND THAT'S I
17 DON'T KNOW WHAT BECAUSE I'M NOT OVER IN YOUR SHOP, OR IT'S NOT
18 A PRIORITY. EITHER WAY IT'S NOT A GOOD SITUATION SO I THINK
19 WHAT YOU'RE HEARING FROM CITY ATTORNEY DELGADILLO AND FROM US
20 IS THAT WE'VE GOT A LOT OF INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS, WE'VE GOT
21 V.L.F., WE DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO FIX AND WE'VE GOT
22 DISEASE WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO CURE AND WE'VE GOT STRIKES WE
23 DON'T KNOW HOW TO SETTLE, BUT FIXING THE PLUMBING SEEMS TO BE
24 SOMETHING WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO DO.

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1 **TIM BARESH:** SUPERVISOR, I'D LIKE TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THOSE.
2 FIRST EVERY CHILD IN THIS DISTRICT CAN GO TO BATHROOMS RIGHT
3 NOW AT EVERY SCHOOL, THEY DO NOT HAVE TO WAIT SIX OR SEVEN
4 HOURS. THAT MAY HAVE BEEN TRUE SOMETIME IN THE PAST. I DON'T
5 KNOW. I WASN'T HERE. I CAN'T SPEAK TO THAT. BUT I CAN TELL YOU
6 THAT RIGHT NOW TODAY IN EVERY DAY OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR, EVERY
7 CHILD HAS HAD ACCESS TO A BATHROOM, PERIOD.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT WELL IF THAT'S THE CASE --

10

11 **TIM BARESH:** NUMBER TWO, WE ARE SPENDING A LOT OF MONEY FIXING
12 UP BATHROOMS AS WE'RE GOING. THE \$20 MILLION WE PUT INTO EXTRA
13 BATHROOM REPAIRS AND STAFFING WAS GENERAL FUND. WE'RE NOT
14 WAITING FOR BOND ISSUES. WE ARE CLEANING THIS STUFF UP AS WE
15 GO AND AS WE GO THROUGH THE MEASURE REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOLS
16 WE CONTINUE TO DO MAJOR RENOVATIONS OF THE BATHROOMS AND THE
17 PLUMBING SYSTEMS. THIS IS SOMETHING WE RECOGNIZE. AND IT'S NOT
18 AN INTRACTABLE PROBLEM. IT'S A PROBLEM THAT WE'RE TACKLING AND
19 WORKING AT AND WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS.
20 UNFORTUNATELY A LOT OF THE ANECDOTAL INFORMATION YOU WILL HEAR
21 IS A LITTLE BIT OUT OF DATE. BOTH FOOD SERVICE AND BATHROOM
22 CLEANLINESS, AND SECURITY IN GENERAL IN OUR SCHOOLS HAVE ALL
23 BEEN GETTING RATCHETED UP VERY STEADILY AND GOOD PROGRESS IS
24 BEING MADE. I'D WELCOME TAKING YOU ON A TOUR AND SHOWING YOU
25 SOME OF THE CHANGES WE'RE MAKING.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE ME ON A TOUR. BUT
3 WHAT I WOULD OFFER --

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5 **TIM BARESH:** YOU CAN PICK THE SCHOOLS.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT I WOULD OFFER -- I GO TO A LOT OF YOUR
8 SCHOOLS. I SPEND A LOT OF TIME IN YOUR SCHOOLS VOLUNTARILY.

9

10 **TIM BARESH:** AND WE THANK YOU FOR THAT.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND BUT WHAT I WOULD WANT YOU TO OFFER IS TO
13 SAY, HEY, LET'S WORK OUT AND I GUESS YOU'RE ESSENTIALLY SAYING
14 THAT, ALTHOUGH I HAVEN'T HEARD IT IN ONE SENTENCE. WE'LL WORK
15 OUT A COOPERATIVE PILOT PROGRAM WITH THE L.A. DEPARTMENT OF
16 HEALTH SERVICES AND WE DON'T MIND IF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
17 SERVICES COMES IN AND CHECKS OUR BATHROOMS. THAT'S ALL I WANT
18 TO HEAR. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BATHROOM PROBLEM, THEN WHY ARE WE
19 -- WHY HAVE WE SPENT THE LAST HOUR ARGUING ABOUT IT? LET'S
20 JUST SEND THE INSPECTORS IN. LET'S DO A PILOT PROGRAM. WE
21 DON'T WANT TO SPEND \$3 MILLION A YEAR POLICING YOUR BATHROOMS
22 BUT WE DO WANT TO AT LEAST HAVE SOME SENSE OF CONFIDENCE, AND
23 I SUSPECT YOU DO, TOO, AND IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, OUR HEALTH
24 INSPECTORS ARE GOING TO VALIDATE THAT AND THAT'S A GOOD THING
25 FOR YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND FOR THE PARENTS AND FOR PEOPLE



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1 LIKE ME -- I'M NOT OPERATING ON ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE BUT IF THEY
2 ARE OPERATING ON ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE, THIS WOULD BE A WAY TO
3 DISSIPATE THAT. THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING. SO I -- THE PROBLEM
4 I'VE HAD WITH THIS FROM DAY ONE IS MR. DELGADILLO ALREADY CAME
5 UP WITH A RELATIVELY SIMPLE IDEA AND I UNDERSTAND SIMPLE IDEAS
6 ARE VERY DANGEROUS 'CAUSE ONE NEVER KNOWS WHERE THEY'RE GOING
7 TO LEAD. BUT AFTER IT'S BEEN VETTED OUT AND FERRETED OUT AND
8 MR. ANTONOVICH'S MOTION I THOUGHT REALLY NARROWED IT DOWN TO
9 THE POINT WHERE IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN NON-THREATENING TO
10 ANYBODY, INCLUDING US FROM A BUDGETARY POINT OF VIEW, LET'S
11 GIVE IT A SHOT. AND IF YOU'RE RIGHT, HEY, I'D LOVE -- I'LL BE
12 THE FIRST ONE TO CONGRATULATE YOU, YOU KNOW, BUT THE WAY I DO
13 THAT IS THROUGH AN INSPECTION PROGRAM. EVEN IF IT'S A VERY
14 MODEST PILOT INSPECTION PROGRAM, LET'S SEE IF WE CAN DO IT.
15 AND I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU SAID BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S THE
16 RIGHT WAY TO GO, IS NOT TO WAIT FOR A BOND ISSUE, PLUMBING IS
17 MAINTENANCE, MAINTENANCE IS NOT SOMETHING YOU PAY FOR BY
18 BORROWING AGAINST THE FUTURE, YOU DO IT -- IT'S AN ONGOING
19 CURRENT RESPONSIBILITY AND I APPRECIATE THAT AND I'M GLAD TO
20 HEAR YOU SAY THAT. AND ANYWAY, I THINK IF MR. ANTONOVICH'S
21 MOTION IS SOUND AND AS LONG AS I UNDERSTAND IT CLEARLY, WE'RE
22 TALKING ABOUT A PILOT PROGRAM, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT
23 SPENDING THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION DOLLARS OR ANYTHING LIKE
24 THAT AT THIS POINT IN TIME, IS THAT RIGHT, MIKE?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES.

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3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD SECOND YOUR MOTION, IF IT'S NOT BEEN
4 SECONDED YET.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT IT'S MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE
7 ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION. IT'S APPROVED. HIS MOTION IS
8 APPROVED. ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND WE PLAN TO WORK
9 TOGETHER TO TRY TO LOOK AT THESE ISSUES, BECAUSE THEY'RE REAL.
10 MAYBE THEY'VE BEEN SOLVED IN MOST PLACES BUT WE AREN'T GETTING
11 THAT REPORT. AND THIS WAY WE'LL KNOW THAT THEY ARE. ALL RIGHT,
12 SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOU'RE UP FIRST.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE A MOTION FOR
15 NEXT WEEK. THE BROWN ACT ENTITLES A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
16 SPEAK BEFORE A GOVERNING BODY AND EXPRESS THEIR CONCERNS AND
17 IDEAS REGARDING ANY ISSUE BEFORE THE BOARD. THE BROWN ACT ALSO
18 ALLOWS ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON ANY OF
19 -- ON ANY OTHER ISSUE. BUT THE BOARD IS PROHIBITED FROM ACTING
20 ON IT UNLESS A MATTER IS ALREADY ON THE AGENDA. DURING THE
21 LAST SEVERAL BOARD MEETINGS THERE'S BEEN A MEMBER OF THE
22 PUBLIC WHO HAS MADE CONSISTENT MOCKERY OF THE BROWN ACT BY
23 HOLDING SEVERAL ITEMS AT ONCE, HE HAS CONSISTENTLY DISRUPTED
24 OUR BOARD MEETINGS, DIRECTLY ATTACKED MEMBERS ON THE BOARD AND
25 HAS NOT FOLLOWED THE RULES AND THE GUIDELINES OF THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS AND THE BROWN ACT. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
2 ENACT AN IMMEDIATE POLICY LIMITING THIS ABUSE OF THE BROWN ACT
3 BY PROHIBITING A DISRUPTIVE MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD MORE
4 THAN ONE ITEM AFTER A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD HAS DETERMINED
5 THAT HIS OR HER ACTIONS ARE INAPPROPRIATE OR INDEED
6 DISRUPTIVE. AND THIS IS FOR NEXT WEEK.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK? [INAUDIBLE]

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK A DISRUPTIVE MEMBER SHOULD BE
11 ALLOWED TO HOLD ONE ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'M SORRY?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK A DISRUPTIVE MEMBER SHOULD BE
16 ALLOWED TO HOLD EVEN ONE ITEM, BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY, WE'LL
17 TALK ABOUT IT NEXT WEEK.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL I TRIED TO DO THIS LAST WEEK BUT OBVIOUSLY
20 THAT DIDN'T WORK SO. IT IS A DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR TO CARRY
21 THIS ITEM OUT SO WE'LL JUST DO IT BEFORE A MOTION.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT ON THE OTHER ITEMS -- I THINK THE OTHER
2 ITEM THAT I WAS CONCERNED ABOUT HAS NOW BEEN CONTINUED, BOTH
3 OF THOSE ITEMS HAVE BEEN CONTINUED. SO WE CAN HAVE THAT
4 DISRUPTIVE ITEMS -- THOSE ITEMS THAT THAT GENTLEMAN HELD, WE
5 COULD HAVE THEM ALL AT ONCE, THEN WE CAN GET THE ACTION.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT ITEM 7 IS BEING
8 HELD BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MERRITT HOLLOWAY IS HOLDING 7,
9 15, 24, 31, 33, 39, 40 AND 4. AND IF YOU CALL THAT UP, IF
10 HE'LL COME FORWARD, HE HAS THREE MINUTES TO SPEAK ON ALL OF
11 THOSE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH MADAM CHAIR, THE ONLY REASON I HELD ITEM 7
14 WAS THE PRESIDENT DID SIGN THAT BILL ON VETERAN'S DAY AND I
15 JUST WAS GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT INSTEAD OF SENDING A LETTER
16 TO SUPPORT IT, TO SEND A THANK YOU LETTER FROM THE BOARD.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MR. HOLLOWAY, YOU'RE GOING TO
19 HAVE TO GET UP HERE OR -- SO THAT ITEM HAS ALREADY BEEN...

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, SO IT'S BEEN SIGNED ALREADY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN SIGNED, SO YOU WANT TO SEND A
24 LETTER?

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** SEND A LETTER OF THANK YOU.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A LETTER OF THANK YOU. YES, ALL RIGHT YOU
4 HAVE THREE MINUTES.

5

6 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY FIRST I'D LIKE TO DISAGREE WITH GLORIA
7 MOLINA BUT FIRST ENCLOSE A --

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TO SPEAK ON THE ITEMS THOUGH.
10 YOU'RE NOT THE --

11

12 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I'M GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEMS 4, 15, 31, 33,
13 7, 24, 36, 39, 40 AND 48, OKAY. ITEM 4 AGAIN IS THE FEE
14 WAIVER. ITEM 15, 31, 33, THE EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA
15 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITIES ACT. THE TIRE WAIST THEY NEED TO HAVE
16 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. WE AS CITIZENS
17 CANNOT ALLOW CORPORATIONS TO COME AND MAKE OUR COUNTY DIRTY
18 WITH POLLUTION AND STUFF LIKE THAT. SO WE NEED CALIFORNIA
19 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACTS ON ITEM 15, 31, AND 33. AND I
20 OPPOSE ANYTHING THAT'S NOT THAT. ITEM NUMBER 7, WE NEED
21 \$12,000 A MONTH FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN STOLEN RATHER THAN
22 GIVING THE \$12,000 FOR THE ONE IN ITEM NUMBER 7. ITEM 24,
23 EXCESSIVE SPENDING, \$200,000 PER YEAR. YOU CAN BUY A HOUSE. WE
24 NEED A CHEAPER WAY OF GETTING TWO BEDS, OKAY, THAT'S FOR ITEM
25 NUMBER 24. ITEM 36, MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION. IT'S NOT



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1 GOOD WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE COUNTY'S WATER WASTE AND
2 POLLUTION CONTROL. WE MUST HAVE ENVIRONMENT -- CALIFORNIA
3 ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT ON THE TRANSCAST PROJECT. AND I
4 OBJECT TO ANYTHING NOT THAT. ITEM NUMBER 39, THE PASADENA
5 TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, LET THEM PAY THEIR OWN FAIR SHARE.
6 \$20,000 IS NOTHING FOR THEM AND USE THAT \$20,000 TO SEND A
7 LETTER TO BUSH FOR REPARATIONS FOR BLACK AMERICANS IN ITEM
8 NUMBER 48. ITEM NUMBER 40, MAKE SURE NO EXTRA COST FOR THE
9 OFFICERS BECAUSE OF THE COST OF THE SPEEDING TICKET AND
10 TICKETS IN GENERAL ARE EXTREMELY EXCESSIVE AND I WANT A FEE
11 WAIVER FOR MY PARKING TICKET. OKAY, WE'RE GOING TO CLOSE IN
12 MEMORY OF THE CHILDREN KILLED IN THE FOSTER CARE AND ALSO,
13 TOO, THAT ALL THE BOARD, ALL THE JUDGES AND THEIR LAWYERS ARE
14 BEING SECRETLY PAID UNDER THE TABLE FOR CRIMINAL AND CASES BY
15 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND EVERY JUDGE HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED
16 BY PRIVATE CITIZENS AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS FILING A FALSE
17 STATEMENT OF THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS. EVERY COURT IN LOS
18 ANGELES IS SUBJECT TO BE REOPENED DUE TO PERJURY BY THE JUDGE,
19 OKAY, ALSO TOO --

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANY OF THE
22 ITEMS HE HELD MADAM CHAIR?

23

24 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** ALSO TOO AND SUPERVISOR BURKE WHERE IS THE
25 MONEY AND ALSO TOO I'VE BEEN PUTTING IN THIS WRITTEN DEMAND TO



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1 CURE AND CORRECT, OKAY I'VE BEEN GIVING IT TO YOU EVERY WEEK
2 AND IT'S IN MY PARCEL FOR TODAY. ALSO WE HAVE A PETITION TO
3 REMOVE YVONNE BRATHWAITE-BURKE AND ALSO ZEV YAROSLAVSKY AND
4 HOPEFULLY YOU GUYS COULD SIGN THIS PETITION, IT SAYS 'WE THE
5 CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ARE ASKING FOR THE
6 IMPEACHMENT AND OR REMOVAL OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS.
7 EVIDENCE SHOWS THAT THE FOLLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS HAVE
8 PARTICIPATED IN AN ENTERPRISE TO EMBEZZLE PUBLIC FUNDS FOR
9 THEIR OWN USE AND HAVE COVERED IT UP IN THE COURTS. JUDGES
10 RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL SALARY FROM THE COUNTY IN SPITE OF THE
11 FACT THAT THE STATE ALREADY PAYS THEIR SALARY. THIS CONFLICT
12 OF INTEREST HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED THE OUTCOMES OF MANY CASES.
13 WE'RE ASKING FOR HONORABLE JUDGE MARGARET HENRY, JUDGE --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS HIS TIME UP YET?

16

17 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** BEHOOVE THE HONORABLE YVONNE B. BURKE AND
18 HONORABLE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY WE THE UNDERSIGNED WAIVE
19 IMPARTIALITY, FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY BE RETURNED TO OUR COURTS
20 BY ELIMINATING THOSE WHO TAKE FAVOR --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

23

24 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** -- IN RETURN FOR DOING FAVORS AT THE EXPENSE
25 OF THE COURT.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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4 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** OKAY, OKAY, AND --

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ALL OF THOSE ITEMS, ARE YOU MOVING THEM?
7 YOU'RE MOVING THEM?

8

9 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR I'D LIKE TO MOVE THOSE
10 ITEMS WHICH WERE HELD, I THINK THERE ARE OTHERS THAT HAVE HELD
11 OTHER ITEMS BUT THIS WAS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF -- THIS, EXCUSE
12 ME.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE
15 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **MERRITT HOLLOWAY:** I OBJECT, I OBJECT.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** WITH THE CHANGE IN 7 BEING -- CHANGE IN 7 BEING
20 THE LETTER OF THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE'RE GOING TO -- ON 7 HAVE A LETTER OF
23 THANK YOU ON 7. DID YOU GET THAT DOWN? ALL RIGHT, YES.

24



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, THOSE ARE -- I HAVE ONE ADJOURNING
2 MOTION. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF
3 AMELIA CARANZA WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. AMELIA WAS
4 THE GRANDMOTHER OF MY STAFF MEMBER, BERTHA SANDAVAN. WE WANT
5 TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. DO YOU WANT TO CALL --

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES?

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE TAKE ITEM 36, WE HAVE QUITE A FEW
14 PEOPLE FROM MALIBU SITTING HERE, AND I KNOW THEY'VE ENJOYED
15 THIS MORNING VERY MUCH BUT THEY HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO
16 BE HEARD ON THIS AND WE CAN SEND THEM ON THEIR WAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAD YOU CONCLUDED?

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY I THOUGHT YOU WERE --

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** YES I AM, THOSE ARE ALL MY ITEMS. I DON'T HAVE A
23 PROBLEM WITH THAT.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE HAVE A STAFF REPORT --

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS TO
7 YOU FOR A SECOND AND ARE YOU GETTING UP?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THIS ITEM 36? DO WE HAVE A STAFF REPORT
10 ON 36? WE HAVE THREE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO BE HEARD ON IT, MADAM
11 CHAIR, AND DID YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO THIS, FOR THE COUNTY
12 COUNSEL OFFICE OR NOT -- OKAY, LESLIE MOSS, I'LL ASK YOU TO
13 COME UP. LESLIE MOSS -- [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT DET -- IS IT DENMORE STOKEN?
16 DERMON STOKEN AND JOHN COLLINS. [APPLAUSE]

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SPEAK IN ANY ORDER YOU'D LIKE.

19

20 **LESLIE MOSS:** DERMOT FIRST PLEASE.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SURE.

23

24 **DERMOT STOKEN:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AS PRESIDENT
25 OF THE MALIBU WEST HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION I REPRESENT 237



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1 HOMEOWNERS, WHICH IS MORE THAN 700 RESIDENTS. A FEW OF THEM
2 HAVE JOINED US HERE TODAY. MAY I ASK THEM TO PLEASE STAND? ALL
3 OF WHOM -- ALL OF THESE RESIDENTS ARE TOTALLY INDEPENDENT ON
4 THE TRANKIS PLANT. WE ARE ALL ENORMOUSLY CONCERNED AT THE
5 DELAYS THAT HAVE OCCURRED IN THIS URGENT NEEDED REHABILITATION
6 AND REPAIR PROJECT. YOU HAVE HEARD FROM MANY HOMEOWNERS IN OUR
7 COMMUNITY. FOR SEVEN YEARS THE PLANT HAS GRADUALLY BEEN
8 FAILING AND HAS REQUIRED CONSTANT REPAIR. THE TIME HAS COME TO
9 APPROVE THE COUNTY'S PLAN FOR A COMPLETE RENOVATION BEFORE AN
10 IRREPARABLE BREAKDOWN HAPPENS. WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THIS
11 MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION COMPLETELY RESOLVES ALL
12 OUTSTANDING CONCERNS AND THAT THE REHABILITATION SHOULD BE
13 IMPLEMENTED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. I HAVE ASKED MALIBU
14 WEST RESIDENT, LES MOSS, WHO HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE
15 COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THROUGHOUT THIS LONG PERIOD TO
16 PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS IN ORDER TO CLARIFY
17 AND STRESS WHY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHOULD ACT NOW TO
18 APPROVE THIS REHABILITATION PROJECT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **LESLIE MOSS:** THANK YOU DERMOT, MY NAME IS LESLIE MOSS AND AS
23 DERMOT SAID, OUR ASSOCIATION, OUR COMMUNITY REPRESENTS MORE
24 THAN 700 RESIDENTS AND WE'RE ALL THE PRIMARY USERS OF THE
25 TRANKIS PLANT. IT'S SITUATED IN OUR COMMUNITY, THERE ARE AN



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1 ADDITIONAL 33 USERS FROM NACHOOSER POINT WHO ARE ALSO SERVED
2 BY THE PLANT. THIS PLANT AND LEECH FIELDS FIRST BUILT 40 YEARS
3 AGO, IN 1963 AND HAVE REMAINED IN THE SAME LOCATION. IN 1978
4 IT WAS REBUILT AND AFTER ALMOST 20 YEARS BEGAN TO FAIL AND
5 REQUIRE A COMPLETE REHABILITATION. IT'S IMPORTANT TO STRESS
6 HERE THAT THE PLANT IS OWNED, OPERATED, MAINTAINED AND
7 REPAIRED BY L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, NOT MALIBU
8 WEST. WE HAVE NO AUTHORITY OF ANY KIND BUT ONE MAJOR
9 RESPONSIBILITY. WE PAY FOR EVERY DOLLAR OF THE COSTS. THESE
10 COSTS HAVE ESCALATED ENORMOUSLY AND EACH OF US NOW PAY \$2,100
11 ANNUALLY. WHEN THIS PROJECT ACTUALLY COMMENCES, THE COUNTY
12 ESTIMATES OUR COSTS WILL INCREASE BY AN ADDITIONAL \$800 A YEAR
13 TO ABOUT \$2900. AND TO PUT THESE CHARGES INTO PERSPECTIVE A
14 RECENT STUDY IN THE L.A. TIMES SHOWED THAT THE AVERAGE COST OF
15 SEWER FEES NATIONALLY IS \$244 A YEAR. IN CALIFORNIA IT'S ONLY
16 \$242 A YEAR. SO YOU CAN SEE THAT OUR CONCERNS ABOUT COSTS ARE
17 VERY WELL FOUNDED. THIS REHAB PROJECT HAS BEEN IN PROCESS FOR
18 SEVEN YEARS AND IT'S VITALLY IMPORTANT NOT ONLY TO MALIBU WEST
19 RESIDENTS BUT ALSO TO THE ENTIRE SURROUNDING AREA. FURTHER
20 DELAYS COULD RESULT IN A CATASTROPHIC FAILURE OF THE PLANT
21 WHICH WILL CAUSE A SERIOUS HEALTH AND SAFETY HAZARD TO US ALL.
22 FOLLOWING THE 2002 NEGATIVE DECLARATION ISSUED BY THE COUNTY
23 AND THE INPUT FROM OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES, L.A. COUNTY
24 RECENTLY PREPARED AND DISTRIBUTED A MITIGATED NEGATIVE
25 DECLARATION WHICH INCORPORATES AN EXTENSIVE LANDSCAPING



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1 PROGRAM OF TREES, BUSHES, PLANTS, ET CETERA, ESTIMATED TO COST
2 ABOUT \$70,000. A MECHANICAL SCREENING OF TANKS, ET CETERA TO
3 THE TUNE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$92,000. THE CURRENT ESTIMATED COSTS
4 OF THIS PROJECT ARE NOW \$2.5 MILLION, ALL OF WHICH MUST BE
5 BORNE BY US. EVEN THIS MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION COSTS US
6 ABOUT \$26,500. I WOULD ADD THAT THE CITY OF MALIBU SUPPORTS
7 THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION WHILE AT THE SAME TIME IT
8 HAS VOICED CONCERNS ABOUT THE INCREASING FINANCIAL BURDEN ON
9 MALIBU WEST HOMEOWNERS. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT NOT ONLY IS THE
10 COUNTY'S REHABILITATION PLAN MORE THAN ADEQUATE TO SATISFY ANY
11 AND ALL CONCERNS REGARDING PUBLIC VIEW PROTECTION BUT ALSO IT
12 IS TOTALLY RESPONSIVE TO ANY REASONABLE REQUESTS FROM NEARBY
13 RESIDENTS. THE COUNTY'S PLAN IS SUPPORTED BY THE SANTA MONICA
14 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION AS
15 WELL AS THE CITY OF MALIBU AND IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE
16 LANDSCAPING WILL IN TIME OBSCURE THE PLANT FROM OTHER VIEWS.
17 FURTHER DELAYS ARE SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE AND WILL SERIOUSLY
18 JEOPARDIZE OUR COMMUNITY'S HEALTH AND SAFETY. THIS
19 REHABILITATION UPGRADE OF THE AGING PLANT WAS MANDATED BY THE
20 REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD YEARS AGO AND MUST BE
21 IMPLEMENTED NOW TO AVOID THE VERY REAL DANGER OF A PLANT
22 FAILURE. MORE DELAYS SHOULD NOT BE TOLERATED AND WE ASK THE
23 BOARD TO REJECT ANY ADDITIONAL, UNREASONABLE MITIGATION
24 MEASURES. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH OF DELAYS, DEMANDS AND FURTHER



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1 NEEDLESS AND EXCESSIVE COST INCREASES. WE URGE YOUR ACTION TO
2 APPROVE THIS PLAN TODAY. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. MR. COLLINS?

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6 **JOHN COLLINS:** I'M JOHN COLLINS, RESIDENT SINCE 1981 IN MALIBU
7 WEST. I LIVE THREE HOUSES FROM THE SEWER PLANT. I HAVE NEVER
8 IN ALL THESE YEARS FOUND ANYTHING OBJECTIONABLE IN ODOR OR
9 MAINTENANCE. IT'S A WELL-KEPT AND THE ENVIRONMENT IS NO
10 PROBLEM AT ALL AND IT'S A HEALTHY -- WE HAVE A LOT OF KIDS
11 PLAYING IN THE STREETS THERE AND WE WISH TO TURN TO YOU FOR
12 HELP. PLEASE APPROVE OUR MEASURE. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR
13 TIME.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **LESLIE MOSS:** THANK YOU. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE
18 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD?

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T THINK SO. ARE THERE ANY OTHER PEOPLE
21 WHO WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS? IF NOT I MOVE TO CLOSE THE
22 PUBLIC HEARING. MADAM CHAIR, FIRST OF ALL I THANK ALL THE
23 FOLKS WHO CAME DOWN HERE FROM MALIBU WEST FOR THEIR PATIENCE
24 THIS MORNING AND FOR ALL THE LETTERS YOU SENT ME. THE TIME HAS
25 COME TO MOVE THIS PROJECT ALONG AND THIS IS IN THE PUBLIC



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1 INTEREST, IT'S IN THEIR INTERESTS AND IT'S IN OUR INTERESTS AS
2 WELL, IT'S SUPPORTED BY EVERYONE OUT THERE, CITY OF MALIBU,
3 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AMONG OTHERS, THE COASTAL
4 COMMISSION. SO I'M GOING TO MOVE, WHAT'S THE APPROPRIATE
5 MOTION? APPROVE THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DEC. AND APPROVE THE
6 ITEM AS IT'S AGENDIZED.

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8 **SUP. KNABE:** SECOND.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED, THE HEARING BE CLOSED
11 AND THAT THE ITEM BE APPROVED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS. I MOVE THAT WHEN
16 WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PASTOR OTIS L. GIBSON
17 OF GLORY BOUND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS
18 WIFE, SISTER LILLIE M. GIBSON. AND RUDOLPH MANNING WHO PASSED
19 AWAY SUDDENLY ON OCTOBER 24TH, HE WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF
20 THE SECOND DISTRICT, CHAIR OF THE DEACON BOARD AND WORKED WITH
21 THE MISSION SUNDAY SCHOOL AT SWEET HILL BAPTIST CHURCH. SO
22 ORDERED. I HAVE ONE ITEM TO READ IN. AS YOU KNOW THERE WAS
23 THIS TREMENDOUS FLOOD IN A VERY SMALL AREA OF THE LOS ANGELES
24 CITY, COMPTON AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WILLOWBROOK AND A
25 REQUEST WAS MADE OF THE GOVERNOR TO DECLARE A DISASTER. HE DID



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1 IN FACT DO THAT. IT'S NECESSARY FOR THE BOARD TO RATIFY THAT,
2 AND I AM ASKING THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A PROCLAMATION WHICH
3 CONFIRMS THE EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY THAT OCCURRED LAST
4 WEEK AND FORWARD A COPY OF THIS PROCLAMATION TO THE GOVERNOR
5 OF CALIFORNIA AND INSTRUCT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO PLACE A
6 REVIEW EVERY TWO WEEKS OF THE NEED TO CONTINUE THE EMERGENCY
7 PROCLAMATION WHILE EMERGENCY RESTORATION ACTIONS ARE TAKEN.
8 MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND FIRST OF
9 ALL THAT IT OCCURRED AFTER THE TIME FOR GETTING IT ON THE
10 AGENDA AND THAT THIS OCCURRED ON NOVEMBER 13TH. APPROVED AS AN
11 EMERGENCY MEASURE AND ALSO THE ITEM IS APPROVED. THERE ARE A
12 COUPLE OF ITEMS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN HEARD. ITEM 23, THERE ARE
13 OTHER PEOPLE BESIDES MERRITT HOLLOWAY WHO HELD THAT. WHO ARE
14 THE PEOPLE? OKAY, PETER KELLY, MARGO WAINWRIGHT AND MS.
15 WASHINGTON, YAKICLWEY WASHINGTON. ALL RIGHT, WOULD YOU PLEASE
16 COME FORWARD.

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18 **SHELDON LYTTON:** AND THERE WAS ONE MORE MADAM CHAIR, SHELDON
19 LYTTON, I THINK I'M ON THE -- HAVE A CARD IN AS WELL.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY WELL THERE'S A NUMBER OF PEOPLE. JOE
22 CAROL WHITE, SHELDON LYTTON, WARREN WILLIAMS, ALPHA GEE TIMBO
23 AND LETECIA SHAW. WE'LL CALL UP ALL AS ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE AS
24 WE GO ALONG. YES.

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1 **PETER KELLY:** ALL RIGHT MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR
2 YOUR TIME. MY NAME'S PETER KELLY WITH THE LAW FIRM OF KELLY,
3 LYTTON AND VAN, AND IT'S OUR PRIVILEGE TO REPRESENT THE YOUTH
4 INTERVENTION PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF ITEMS 23 AND 24
5 ON YOUR AGENDA TODAY. WE ARE HERE TODAY BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS
6 MADE MY CLIENT AN OFFER THAT UNFORTUNATELY IS AN OFFER THAT WE
7 CAN REFUSE. THE COUNTY HAS SUGGESTED THAT ALL OF OUR CONTRACTS
8 WITH THE COUNTY BE TERMINATED FOR CONVENIENCE, WHICH WE
9 CERTAINLY CAN SEE THAT THE COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO DO. BUT
10 WHAT WE DO OBJECT TO IS THE PROCESS THAT HAS GONE ON TO GET US
11 TO THIS POINT. THE COUNTY ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO AUDIT
12 THESE VARIOUS CONTRACTS A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO, WHICH WE ALSO
13 CONCEDE THE COUNTY HAS THE RIGHT TO DO. BUT AGAIN, WE OBJECT
14 TO THE PROCESS. WHAT THE COUNTY DID WAS COMMENCE AN AUDIT. IT
15 ACCUSED MY CLIENT, THE YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAM OF BASICALLY
16 VIOLATING EVERY CONDITION OF THE CONTRACT THAT THEY COULD
17 THINK OF. NONE OF THESE ALLEGATIONS HAVE BEEN PROVEN. WE HAVE
18 NOT HAD A CHANCE TO RESPOND TO ANY OF THESE ALLEGATIONS AND
19 INSTEAD THE COUNTY HAS NOW TAKEN THE ACTION OF NOTIFYING US OF
20 THE INTENT TO TERMINATE THE AGENDA ITEMS ON THE BOARD TODAY
21 REFER TO, FIRST OF ALL, A MUTUAL TERMINATION, AND SECONDLY, AN
22 INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION. UNFORTUNATELY WE CANNOT AGREE TO A
23 MUTUAL TERMINATION, WHEN WE FIRST ATTEMPTED TO DISCUSS THIS
24 WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND OTHERS, WE SUGGESTED THAT WE WOULD
25 BE INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING A MUTUAL TERMINATION BUT THAT WE



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1 WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS A COUPLE OF OTHER ISSUES AS WELL. NUMBER
2 ONE, THE AGENDA ITEMS REFER TO \$1.4 MILLION THAT'S OUTSTANDING
3 TO MY CLIENT, WE FRANKLY THINK THAT THE NUMBER IS MORE LIKE
4 \$2.5 MILLION AND SO IF WE WERE GOING TO DISCUSS THE MUTUAL
5 TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT, WE SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS THE AMOUNT
6 OF MONEY THAT IS OWED BY MY CLIENT. THE COUNTY DECIDED NOT TO
7 PUT THAT ITEM ON THE AGENDA AND THERE'S REALLY NOTHING LEFT --
8 THERE'S NOT A WHOLE LOT MORE FOR US TO TALK ABOUT IF THOSE ARE
9 THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH WE'RE BEING ASKED TO TERMINATE.
10 NOT ONLY DID THEY SAY THAT WE DON'T WANT TO DISCUSS WHAT
11 YOU'RE OWED, THEY SAID IN ADDITION TO TERMINATING THE CONTRACT
12 WE'D ALSO LIKE YOU TO GIVE UP THE REAL ESTATE THAT YOU HAVE
13 AND THAT YOU ARE USING. SO REALLY THE OFFER TO TERMINATE,
14 THERE WAS REALLY NOTHING IN THAT FOR OUR CLIENT. UNFORTUNATELY
15 THERE ARE SOME VERY IMPORTANT SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED BY
16 THE YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAM THAT ALTHOUGH THE COUNTY IS
17 PROPOSING TO TAKE THOSE SERVICES OVER, THE TRANSITION WILL NO
18 DOUBT BE COMPLICATED AND IT WILL BE GIVEN UNDER THE ACTION
19 TODAY, IT WILL BE ALSO ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN A WEEK OR SO OF
20 CHRISTMAS, WHICH WE THINK IS VERY UNFORTUNATE TIMING. THERE
21 REALLY IS NO REASON TO RUSH TO THIS CONCLUSION. WE HAVE FOR
22 THE PAST WEEK OR SO, IF THE COUNTY IS CONCERNED ABOUT
23 FINANCIAL IMPROPRIETY HAVE WORKED OUT A PROCESS WITH THE
24 COUNTY WHEREBY EVERY CHECK THAT'S WRITTEN ON BEHALF OF THIS
25 CLIENT IS GOING THROUGH MY CLIENT'S TRUST ACCOUNT, AS APPROVED



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1 IN ADVANCE BY THE COUNTY. SO THE RUSH HERE IS NOT APPARENT TO
2 ME AND WHY AREN'T WE BEING GIVEN SOME TIME HERE TO RESPOND TO
3 ALL THE ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE AUDIT. IT WOULD
4 JUST SEEM FUNDAMENTAL DUE PROCESS IF WE ARE ACCUSED OF
5 SOMETHING WE OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO RESPOND.
6 BUT BEFORE WE GO FURTHER WITH THE LEGALISMS INVOLVED HERE, I'D
7 LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE YOUTH
8 INTERVENTION PROGRAM MS. YAKICLWEY WASHINGTON TO SAY A FEW
9 WORDS ABOUT THE TYPE OF SERVICES THAT ARE BEING PROVIDED HERE
10 THAT ARE ABOUT TO BE TERMINATED.

11

12 **YAKICLWEY WASHINGTON:** GOOD MORNING TO THE BOARD. WE AS AN
13 AGENCY HAVE PROVIDED HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO THE SOUTH
14 CENTRAL LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY SINCE 1986. SINCE 1993 WE HAVE
15 BEEN PROVIDING FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES. WE WERE ONE OF
16 THE FIRST FAMILY PRESERVATION AGENCIES. SINCE WE STARTED THAT
17 CONTRACT AND THAT PROGRAM WE HAVE ACHIEVED TREMENDOUS SUCCESS,
18 AS EVIDENCED BY THE CLIENTS WHO COME BACK TO US, THANKING US
19 FOR THE SERVICES THAT WE'VE PROVIDED TO THEM AND TO THE
20 SUPPORT THAT WAS GIVEN TO THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES SO THAT THEY
21 MAY SAFELY CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN. THIS WAS A TREMENDOUS
22 CONTRIBUTION TO THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. IT'S
23 SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE DONE TIRELESSLY. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE
24 HAVE DONE -- WE'VE DONE WORK FAR ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT WAS
25 REQUIRED BY THE CONTRACT. I DON'T KNOW IF THE BOARD KNOWS BUT



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1 WE ARE AVAILABLE TO OUR CLIENTS AND TO COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES
2 24 HOURS A DAY, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK. WE HAVE EXTENDED OFFICE
3 HOURS. OUR SERVICES ARE PROVIDED IN-HOUSING PROJECTS THAT NO
4 OTHER SERVICE PROVIDERS WANT TO GO INTO. AND THIS IS SOMETHING
5 THAT EVERY PROGRAM AUDIT THAT WE'VE HAD FOR EVERY PROGRAM HAS
6 DEMONSTRATED, THAT WE PROVIDE SERVICES ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT'S
7 CALLED FOR. AND WE DO IT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY.
8 IT'S NOT FOR ANY VAIN GLORY. IT'S DONE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
9 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY. AND SO IF THIS
10 DECISION IS MADE, I WANT THE BOARD TO UNDERSTAND WHAT A
11 DRAMATIC EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN
12 THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY. THERE IS NO AGENCY
13 THAT HAS BEEN WILLING TO DO WHAT WE'VE BEEN WILLING TO DO. WE
14 HAVE EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EXTREMELY DEDICATED. FOR THE PAST SIX
15 MONTHS, WE'VE HAD HORRIBLE CASH FLOW PROBLEMS THAT HAVE
16 RESULTED IN PEOPLE BEING PAID AS FAR AS ONE WEEK LATE. WE HAVE
17 A GROUP OF STAFF MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN PAID SINCE -- THEY
18 WERE SUPPOSED TO BE PAID ONE WEEK AGO YESTERDAY BUT THEY'RE
19 STILL COMING TO WORK, THEY'RE TIRED AND THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND
20 WHY THIS IS HAPPENING, THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY THE COUNTY
21 HAS WITHHELD PAYMENT AND HAS NOT MADE GOOD ON ITS PROMISE TO
22 COMPENSATE OUR STAFF. BUT THEY'VE BEEN COMING AND THEY'VE BEEN
23 PROVIDING SERVICES TO THE CLIENTS IN AN UNWAVERING WAY. AND
24 THAT'S JUST A TESTAMENT TO THE PEOPLE THAT WE HAVE ON BOARD TO
25 PROVIDE THESE MUCH-NEEDED SERVICES AND SO THIS DECISION



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1 AFFECTS NOT ONLY THE FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE BUT IS AFFECTS THE
2 EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE SACRIFICED A GREAT DEAL TO CONTINUE WORKING
3 AND WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND THOSE EMPLOYEES THAT ARE
4 HERE, THOSE WHO ARE NOT SLATED TO SPEAK, I'D LIKE FOR YOU TO
5 PLEASE STAND. EMPLOYEES OF YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAM. THE
6 OTHER THING THAT I ASKED THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER IN OUR LAST
7 MEETING WAS THAT BEFORE A RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE WAS
8 MADE, THAT THERE BE SOME CONSIDERATION OF OUR CURRENT FISCAL
9 AND ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES. AND IT CONCERNS ME THAT THERE
10 WAS A RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE PRIOR TO A FINAL CONCLUSION
11 OF THAT AUDIT AND INVESTIGATION. AND NO ONE HAS LOOKED AT WHAT
12 WE'RE CURRENTLY DOING. WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS
13 IN OUR FISCAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS IN THE PAST TWO
14 YEARS. AND AGAIN, OUR SERVICES HAVE ALWAYS BEEN ABOVE PAR. ANY
15 PROGRAM PERSON WITHIN THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS THAT WE CONTRACT
16 WITH WILL TELL YOU THAT. SO MY CONCERN IS THAT THIS DECISION
17 WAS MADE PRIOR TO AN AUDIT BEING CONCLUDED AND WITHOUT
18 CONSIDERATION OF WHAT WE'RE PRESENTLY DOING AS AN AGENCY. [
19 APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. PLEASE STATE
22 YOUR NAME.

23

24 **SHELDON LYTTON:** YES. I'M SHELDON LYTTON, I'M PETER KELLY'S
25 PARTNER. I'D LIKE TO ADDRESS JUST BRIEFLY WHAT I THINK ARE



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1 LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS THAT I HOPE YOU'LL THINK ABOUT.
2 RESPECTFULLY THIS ACTION IS PRECIPITOUS. YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO
3 TERMINATE THE CONTRACTS, AND IF YOU READ THE DOCUMENTS, AND I
4 THINK THERE ARE LIKE 80 PAGES OF THEM, BUT THE IMPLICATION OF
5 THE DOCUMENTS IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO WORK OUT A VOLUNTARY
6 TERMINATION, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION. THAT IS
7 NOT THE CASE AT ALL. THIS IS A HIGHLY INVOLUNTARY TERMINATION,
8 AS WITNESSED BY THE FACT THAT WE'RE HERE. THERE IS NO
9 AGREEMENT FOR A SMOOTH TRANSITION. THERE IS NO AGREEMENT FOR
10 ANY TRANSITION. AND, OF COURSE, FROM THE YIP'S Y.I.P.'S
11 PERSPECTIVE, THAT LEAVES THE NEEDIEST TO THE -- THE MOST NEEDY
12 AND THE MOST UNDERREPRESENTED FOLKS IN THE COUNTY WITHOUT
13 IMMEDIATE SERVICES OR WITHOUT ASSURANCE OF SERVICES. I KNOW
14 THE COUNTY INTENDS -- OR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
15 INTENDS TO TAKE OVER BUT THEY'RE DOING SO IN AN INTENTIONALLY,
16 WITH DUE RESPECT, HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT. WITH RESPECT TO THE
17 PARTICULAR MOTION -- SO, NUMBER ONE, I BELIEVE THAT THE MOTION
18 OUGHT TO BE DEFERRED FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS TO ALLOW FURTHER AND
19 CAREFUL DELIBERATION BEFORE A DECISION TO TERMINATE IS MADE.
20 THE SECOND POINT I WOULD ADDRESS AGAIN, LAWYER'S PERSPECTIVE,
21 THE LAST ITEM ON PAGE 13 ASKS YOU TO AUTHORIZE THE DIRECTOR OF
22 MENTAL HEALTH TO WITHHOLD PAYMENTS. IF WITHHOLD PAYMENTS OF
23 1.4 MILLION OF PRIOR AND CURRENT YEAR PAYMENTS FOR APPROVED
24 CLAIMS. THESE ARE PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN
25 RENDERED, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING AND ADMITTEDLY PETER AND I ARE



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1 SORT OF NEW GUYS ON THE BLOCK, WE'VE ONLY BEEN INVOLVED FOR A
2 COUPLE OF WEEKS, BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THESE SERVICES WERE
3 PROVIDED AND APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCIES,
4 APPROVED BY THE STATE. THEY ARE BEING QUESTIONED BY THE
5 COUNTY. WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE COUNTY'S QUESTIONS. WHAT
6 WE OBJECT TO AND I BELIEVE WHAT YOU'RE BEING ASKED TO DO IS
7 EXTRA CONTRACTUAL AND EXTRA LEGAL ACTION. I DON'T BELIEVE
8 THERE IS ANY AUTHORITY IN EITHER THE O.M.B. CIRCULARS
9 GOVERNING THESE AUDITS OR IN THE CONTRACTS THAT PERMIT YOU TO
10 WITHHOLD FUNDS FOR SERVICES THAT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED. SO WE
11 WOULD ASK THAT YOU TAKE A VERY CAREFUL LOOK AT THAT, BECAUSE
12 THAT OBVIOUSLY IS A SERIOUS ISSUE AND ONE THAT WILL BE SUBJECT
13 TO MUCH CONTENTION. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **YAKICLWEY WASHINGTON:** THE OTHER THING THAT I'D LIKE TO SAY, IS
18 THAT WE'VE HAD TO -- BECAUSE OF THE COUNTY WITHHOLDING OUR
19 APPROVALS, WE'VE HAD TO ELIMINATE SOME POSITIONS, SOME
20 POSITIONS THAT DO NOT PROVIDE DIRECT SERVICES AND AGAIN, THESE
21 ARE PEOPLE WHO DEPEND ON THEIR JOBS. AND THEY WERE DOING A
22 WONDERFUL JOB. BUT WE ARE UNABLE AS AN AGENCY TO CONTINUE TO
23 EMPLOY THEM BECAUSE OUR CASH FLOW HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY
24 COMPROMISED AS A RESULT OF THIS INVESTIGATION AND AUDIT. AND



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1 SO MAKING A DECISION LIKE THIS AFFECTS A NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN
2 A NEGATIVE WAY.

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4 **SHELDON LYTTON:** SO I WOULD JUST CONCLUDE BY SAYING, AFTER
5 HAVING HEARD ALL THAT, WHAT IS THE POSSIBLE CONCEIVABLE RUSH
6 TO DO THIS? THERE IS NO RISK TO THE COUNTY. COUNTY COUNSEL AND
7 MY LAW FIRM ARE BASICALLY MONITORING EVERY CHECK THAT'S BEING
8 SPENT HERE. WHY CAN'T WE GO THROUGH AN ORDERLY PROCESS TO SEE
9 IF THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE AUDIT HAVE ANY MERIT AND GIVE US A
10 CHANCE TO RESPOND TO THEM BEFORE WE GO THROUGH THIS VERY
11 DISRUPTIVE PROCESS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOE CAROL WHITE, WARREN WILLIAMS
14 AND CRAIG HENRY HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. WE DID CALL MARGO
15 WAINWRIGHT, SHE'S HERE BUT SHE DID NOT COME UP. YOU'RE NOT --
16 SOMEONE ELSE IS SPEAKING FOR YOU.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE]

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL COME FORWARD. AND KEITH BOWERS, ALSO.
21 THEN WE'LL CALL LETECIA SHAW, ALPHA GEE TIMBO. YES UH-HUH,
22 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

23

24 **MARGO WAINWRIGHT:** OKAY MY NAME IS MARGO WAYNEWRIGHT AND I'M
25 THE FOUNDER OF THE YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAM. THE AGENCY



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1 STARTED OVER 18 YEARS AGO. AND THE AGENCY HAS NOT BEEN AN
2 AGENCY -- I STEPPED DOWN TWO AND A HALF YEARS AGO BUT MENTAL
3 HEALTH NEVER GAVE THIS AGENCY A DIME TO START UP. WE INVESTED
4 OUR OWN MONEY. WE TOOK A \$2 CONTRACT AND WE BUILT THAT TO
5 SERVING PEOPLE IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT NOBODY ELSE HAS SERVED.
6 THE WORK THAT HAS BEEN DONE HAS BEEN TIRELESS. AND THE FIRST
7 \$600,000, IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TO THIS
8 COMMUNITY, WE RAISED, WE GOT AND WE INVESTED. FOR TWO AND A
9 HALF YEARS, WE LOST OUR SHIRTS ON THIS MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT
10 BUT WE KNEW HOW DESPERATELY THE COMMUNITY NEEDED IT. SO WE
11 SUBSIDIZED WITH FUNDRAISERS, CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OTHER
12 COMPANIES THAT I HAVE INVOLVEMENT WITH. AND WE BIT THE BULLET
13 AND ATE OVER \$600,000 TO START THIS PROGRAM. ON A \$2 CONTRACT
14 YOU KNOW YOU HAD NO LIABILITY AND THAT YOU RAN NO RISK OF
15 ANYTHING. WE HAVE WORKED OURSELVES IN THE GROUND AND THIS IS
16 NOT THE ONLY CONTRACT THAT WE HAVE INVESTED TENS OF HUNDREDS
17 OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO PUT INTO THIS COMMUNITY AND AFTER
18 PROVING THAT THEY WORK THE COUNTY FUNDED THEM. WE DID THE
19 FIRST FAMILY PRESERVATION PROGRAM LONG BEFORE THE COUNTY
20 STARTED FAMILY PRESERVATION. WE DID IT UP IN CAMP KARL HOLTON
21 AND WE REDUCED THE RECIDIVISM RATE BY 33 PERCENT, UNDER NELSON
22 OFFLEY AS THE DIRECTOR. WE USED ALL OF OUR OWN MONEY. WE HAVE
23 NOT MISMANAGED MONEY. AND IF YOU CAN TELL ME HOW AN AGENCY
24 OPERATES 14 HOURS A DAY SATURDAY, AND WITH A 24-HOUR EMERGENCY
25 RESPONSE TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT WE SERVE, IF YOU CAN EXPLAIN



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1 TO ME HOW WE COULD DO ALL OF THESE THINGS THAT WE DO ABOVE AND
2 BEYOND THE CALL OF ANYBODY'S DUTY AND THAT YOU DON'T HAVE
3 ANOTHER AGENCY OUT OF THE 41 FAMILY PRESERVATION AGENCIES THAT
4 YOU FUND, YOU DON'T HAVE ANOTHER AGENCY IN THIS COUNTY THAT
5 WILL RESPOND TO THE RESPOND -- TO YOUR OWN DEPARTMENTS OF
6 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. AT NIGHT WHEN THEY CALL AT 2:00
7 AND 3:00 IN THE MORNING, WE'RE THE ONLY ONE THAT ROLLED, WE'RE
8 THE ONLY ONE WHO HAS EVER ROLLED. AND IN 10 YEARS WE'VE
9 PROVIDED THIS SERVICE, SEVEN OUT OF THE 10 YEARS FROM A PILOT
10 AND AT NO TIME DID WE GET ANY GRATIFICATION FOR ANY OF THE
11 THINGS WE'VE DONE? NOT TO MENTION THAT MOST OF THE ALLEGATIONS
12 THAT IS BEING ALLEGED BY YOUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLERS ARE ABOUT
13 DOLLARS THAT THE COUNTY NEVER GAVE US. YOU SHOULD PENALIZE US
14 FOR YOUR MONEY BUT HOW DO YOU ADD IT AND DETERMINE THE \$2
15 MILLION IN ONE YEAR AND OVER \$1 MILLION IN ANOTHER YEAR, THAT
16 YOU NEVER, EVER GAVE US ONE DIME OF THAT MONEY, HOW DO YOU
17 DICTATE HOW WE SPEND THE MONEY? YOUR AUDITORS HAVE GONE SO FAR
18 OUTSIDE OF THE SCOPE OF WHAT THEY HAD THE AUTHORITY TO AUDIT
19 THAT IT MAKES NO SENSE. AND NOBODY HAS CALLED THEM IN AND
20 CHASTISED THEM AND TOLD THEM THE LEVEL OF WHAT THEIR AUDITING
21 SCOPES ARE. I DON'T EVEN THINK THEY KNEW UNTIL THE OTHER DAY
22 WHEN THEY WENT TO TALK TO MS. WASHINGTON THAT WE ONLY HAD IN
23 THOSE YEARS, ONE YEAR 69% -- 68% OF OUR MONEY WAS COUNTY
24 MONEY. THE OTHER YEAR I THINK IT WAS 20 -- 80% WAS COUNTY
25 MONEY. BUT HOW YOU AUDIT AND DICTATE OTHER FUNDING STREAMS



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1 MONEY THAT THEY HAVE GIVEN YOU TO PROVIDE SERVICES WHEN YOU
2 DON'T EVEN KNOW THE SCOPE OF WHAT SERVICES WERE AND YOU'RE
3 BEING EXTREMELY PUNITIVE ON INFORMATION THAT YOU DON'T EVEN
4 KNOW WHY THE MONEY WAS SPENT LIKE THAT. IT SEEMS TO BE A
5 PROBLEM, AND I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S A ISSUE THAT EVERYBODY IS
6 SO BUSY TRYING TO PROVE WRONGDOING INSTEAD OF LOOKING AT THAT
7 THERE WAS AN ERROR MADE BY CONTRACTING OUT. WE CONTRACTED OUT
8 OUR FISCAL OPERATION. AND THEN THERE WAS AN ERROR MADE AND THE
9 MAN DIED, AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THOSE RECORDS. BUT
10 TO SIT AND ACCUSE US OF THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT'S BEEN DONE
11 WITHOUT PROVING THEM IS TOTALLY UNCONSCIOUS. WE LIVE IN
12 AMERICA WHERE YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE INNOCENT UNTIL PROVEN
13 GUILTY. WE'RE GUILTY BEFORE WE EVER GOT OFF THE GROUND.
14 EVERYBODY HAS MADE ACCUSATIONS THAT THEY CAN NO MORE
15 SUBSTANTIATE IN A COURT OF LAW AND IT'S ONLY THROUGH THE BOARD
16 OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE WILL GET A FAIR SHOT AT LOOKING AT WHAT
17 REALLY HAPPENED AND HOLDING SOMEBODY ACCOUNTABLE. THE SERVICES
18 HAVE NEVER BEEN IN QUESTION. THE SERVICES FAR EXCEEDS ANYTHING
19 YOU'VE EVER PAID FOR AND IT IS UNFAIR TO DO THIS TO 135 PEOPLE
20 WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY AND GIVE SO MUCH OF THEMSELVES IN
21 THEIR LIVES. IT HURTS ME TO THINK THAT ANYBODY WOULD BE THIS
22 PUNITIVE TO 100 PEOPLE. 130 SOMETHING PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE
23 ANYTHING TO DESERVE THIS BUT PROVIDE THE BEST SERVICE THAT
24 THEY COULD POSSIBLY PROVIDE AND A PROGRAM AND PROGRAMS THAT
25 NOBODY ELSE WAS WILLING TO DO AND WE STEPPED UP AND WE'VE DONE



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1 EVERY PILOT YOU'VE EVER ASKED US TO DO. WE'VE LOST MONEY ON
2 THEM, 90 GOING WEST. NOBODY HAS EVER REIMBURSED US FOR ANY OF
3 THAT. AND YOU CAN'T FIND ONE PROGRAM PERSON IN ANY ONE OF YOUR
4 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO TELL YOU THAT WE DON'T WAIT ON THEIR
5 EVERY BECK AND CALL AND THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE ARE
6 SECOND TO NONE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME. I KNOW I'M
7 EMOTIONAL 'CAUSE I STARTED THE AGENCY AND EVEN THOUGH I MAY
8 HAVE RETIRED TWO AND HALF YEARS AGO, I THINK IT'S TOTALLY
9 UNFAIR WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE AND THE ONLY WAY THIS WILL EVER
10 BE CORRECTED IS THAT SOMEBODY STEPS UP TO THE BAT AND ASKS FOR
11 THE REAL TRUTH AND NOT PUT A LYNCHING MOB OUT FOR SOME PEOPLE
12 THAT DON'T EVEN DESERVE IT. THE STAFF AT Y.I.P DOES NOT
13 DESERVE THIS. IT'S ABSOLUTELY CRIMINAL. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.
16 KEITH BOWERS, LETECIA SHAW, ALPHA GEE TIMBO, PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD. YES PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

18

19 **JO CAROL WHITE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JO CAROL WHITE. I'M
20 HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES THAT WE
21 ARE SERVING AT YOUTH INTERVENTION. THE IMPACT OF THE LOSS OF
22 SERVICES TO OUR FAMILIES WILL BE A MONUMENTAL LOSS, ONE THAT
23 WOULD NOT BE EASY TO RECOVER. I'M ASKING THE BOARD TO CONSIDER
24 ARE THE MOTIVES OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BEING DONE IN THE
25 BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE SERVE? I ASK



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1 THE BOARD TODAY WELL THEN YOU CONSIDER YOURSELVES THOSE
2 CHILDREN, PARENTS AND FAMILIES THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVING OUR
3 SERVICES. IN CLOSING, I ASK THE BOARD TO CONTINUE TO HAVE
4 Y.I.P. PROVIDE BEST PRACTICES AND IMPROVING THE LIFE OF
5 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WE SERVE, THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

8

9 **KEITH BOWERS:** MY NAME IS KEITH BOWERS. AS THE INCOMING
10 CONTROLLER FOR Y.I.P., I BEGAN REVIEWING AUDIT REPORTS OF THE
11 ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO ADDRESS THE NOTED DEFICIENCIES. AFTER
12 REVIEWING THE REPORT SENIOR MANAGEMENT AND I INITIATED A
13 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN THAT WILL ALLOW US TO EXERCISE MORE
14 FISCAL CONTROLS TO FURTHER COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS THAT
15 GOVERN THE PROGRAMS. I FIND IT MOST TROUBLESOME THAT Y.I.P. IS
16 NOT BEING TREATED EQUITABLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
17 BY NOT ALLOWING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK THROUGH THE AREAS
18 OF CONCERNS RAISED IN THEIR AUDITS. THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER HAS
19 AUDITED OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS AND HAS
20 NOTICED SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES IN THEIR FISCAL OPERATIONS,
21 HOWEVER THEY'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONTRACTS AND
22 CONTINUE TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR THE SERVICES. IN THE
23 AUDITORS-CONTROLLER'S REVIEW OF PHYSICAL OPERATIONS SUBMITTED
24 TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY SUPERVISORS ON AUGUST 12TH, 2003, IT
25 WAS A REVIEW OF THE FISCAL OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF



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1 MENTAL HEALTH. DURING THAT AUDIT THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER NOTED
2 QUOTE, UNQUOTE, SIGNIFICANT ISSUES AND FOUND VARIOUS AREAS
3 WHERE THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH FINANCIAL OPERATIONS
4 NEEDED TO BE IMPROVED. HOWEVER THE DEPARTMENT WAS PROVIDED THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE AUDIT AND IMPLEMENT THE
6 CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN. I ASK THAT YOU EXTEND THE SAME
7 COURTESIES EXTENDED TO THE OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND ALLOW
8 Y.I.P. TO CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN THE FISCAL OPERATIONS OF THE
9 ORGANIZATION AND CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE EXEMPLARY SERVICES
10 THAT THEY'RE NOTED FOR. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. UH-HUH.
13 [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **CRAIG HENRY:** GOOD MORNING TO EVERYONE, MY NAME IS CRAIG HENRY.
16 I'M A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF Y.I.P. FAMILY SERVICES. I'M ONE OF
17 TWO PEOPLE WHO WAS AFFECTED BY THE QUOTE, UNQUOTE -- THE
18 LAYOFF LETTER THAT I RECEIVED INDICATED THAT THE BUDGETS HAD
19 ALREADY BEEN AFFECTED BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THEREFORE
20 MY POSITION IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT AND THE
21 ADMINISTER OF WITH Y.I.P. WERE BOTH TERMINATED. I DON'T
22 UNDERSTAND THAT AT THIS POINT. MY REASON FOR COMING UP HERE,
23 SUPERVISOR BURKE AND YOUR CONSTITUENTS, IS TO SHOW MY SUPPORT
24 FOR Y.I.P. FAMILY SERVICES. I THINK THAT Y.I.P. FAMILY
25 SERVICES NEEDS TO BE -- THE NAME FAMILY SERVICES NEED TO BE



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1 REITERATED BECAUSE OF THE STAFF THAT I'VE GROWN TO LOVE THAT'S
2 SITTING IN THE BACK, THAT HAVE CHILDREN, THAT HAVE FAMILIES
3 AND THAT WILL TOTALLY BE AFFECTED BY THE CUT-BACKS THAT ARE
4 COMING. WE DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW WE AS A STAFF CAN -- CAN I ASK
5 THAT THEY LOWER THEIR VOICE, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **CRAIG HENRY:** I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW A STAFF THAT I WAS
8 INVOLVED WITH AND THE PART OF, THAT I SAW GO OUT EVERY DAY AND
9 GIVE 110% SERVICE TO THIS COMMUNITY CAN END UP THROUGHOUT THE
10 HOLIDAY SEASON WITHOUT A JOB. THIS STAFF IS COMMITTED TO DOING
11 THE JOB. I WAS ONE OF THE STAFF THAT MS. WASHINGTON TALKED
12 ABOUT WHO HAS NOT BEEN PAID ON TIME. THERE WERE TIMES WE COULD
13 HAVE GONE DOWN TO THE LABOR RELATIONS BOARD AND REQUESTED MORE
14 MONEY BASED ON FILING A COMPLAINT BUT WE DIDN'T. WE STOOD AS A
15 TEAM. WE REPRESENTED, WE WERE AGENTS OF COUNTY CONTRACTS. WE
16 BELIEVED IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME
17 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES NEEDS TO BELIEVE IN EMPLOYEES OF
18 YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FAMILY SERVICES. WE ARE ASKING AS
19 EMPLOYEES, AND I'M A FORMER EMPLOYEE, AS I INDICATED, I WAS
20 LAID OFF. I DON'T HAVE TO GET UP HERE, I COULD COME UP HERE,
21 BAD MOUTH THE COMPANY, SAY ALL KINDS OF THINGS BUT I WAS IN
22 THE TRENCHES WITH THE INDIVIDUAL STAFF, I CALL LINE STAFF,
23 THAT WAS OUT THERE DOING THE JOB. REALLY GETTING THE JOB DONE.
24 THERE WERE TIMES THAT WE CHIPPED IN TOGETHER TO HELP EACH
25 OTHER'S RENT GET PAID BECAUSE WE DIDN'T GET A CHECK. THERE



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1 WERE TIMES WHERE I WOULD GO HOME AT LUNCH AND COME BACK WITH A
2 POT OF CHILI SO THAT STAFF WHO DIDN'T HAVE MONEY COULD EAT.
3 THESE ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WE AS A STAFF HAVE DONE TO
4 SUPPORT EACH OTHER IN THIS. I AM SIMPLY ASKING AT THIS
5 PARTICULAR TIME THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RE-THINK,
6 RE-THINK THE DECISION THAT HAS BEEN MADE. I AM ASKING AT THIS
7 PARTICULAR TIME THAT THAT SAME STAFF IN THE BACK THAT STOOD UP
8 NOT BE SUBJECT TO BEING -- NOT BEING SUBJECT TO RECEIVING THE
9 SERVICES TO THOSE -- NOT RECEIVING THE SERVICES OF THE CLIENTS
10 THAT WE ARE SERVING NOW. THIS IS THE PREDICAMENT WE'RE BEING
11 PUT IN. I HAVE A \$2,000 A MONTH MORTGAGE AND I'M WITHOUT A
12 JOB. I AM NOT COMPLAINING BECAUSE I KNOW GOD IS GOOD TO ME. I
13 KNOW HE IS. AND I'M GOING TO GIVE HIM THE GLORY ON THIS DAY
14 BECAUSE I KNOW THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS -- I KNOW YOU ALL. I
15 HAVE SEEN A LOT OF YOU. I'VE SEEN YOU PERSONALLY, I'VE
16 SUPPORTED YOU, I'VE VOTED FOR YOU. MY MOTHER IS ONE OF THE
17 PIONEERS OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
18 ANGELES. HER NAME IS MARY HENRY. SHE HAS FOUGHT SO THAT PEOPLE
19 LIKE US WHO ARE CONSIDERED LINE STAFF, I'M NOT AN
20 ADMINISTRATOR IN Y.I.P. NO, I'M NOT. I WAS A LINE STAFF. BUT I
21 NEEDED MY JOB. I LOST IT. IT'S OKAY. BUT THERE ARE PEOPLE IN
22 THIS COMPANY WHO ARE NOT AS BLESSED, I WILL USE THAT WORD, AS
23 I AM AT THIS PARTICULAR POINT IN LIFE AND I THANK GOD FOR IT.
24 WE NEED OUR JOBS AT Y.I.P. AND I'M ASKING, I'M ASKING THAT YOU
25 REALLY RECONSIDER, I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAN BE DONE, AT THIS



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1 PARTICULAR POINT, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN LISTEN TO WHAT
2 YAKICLWEY WASHINGTON SAID, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN LISTEN TO
3 WHAT JO CAROL WHITE SAID, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO AT THIS
4 POINT, BUT I KNOW ONE THING, YOU HAVE THE VOTING POWER TO AT
5 LEAST EXTEND THESE CONTRACTS TO THE END OF THIS HOLIDAY
6 SEASON, TO THE END, I HAVE THREE GRANDCHILDREN THAT DEPEND ON
7 ME AS JUST GRANDPA FOR A DOLLAR HERE AND THERE, FOR A
8 CHRISTMAS GIFT. I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO MAKE IT, BUT I'M
9 NOT WORRIED, BUT I KNOW THERE'S SOME STAFF BACK THERE THAT'S
10 WORRIED, AND OUR LIVES, AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, SUPERVISORS,
11 ARE IN YOUR HANDS, AND I'M SIMPLY ASKING AT THIS TIME THAT YOU
12 TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE LIVES OF THE STAFF THAT ARE
13 PROVIDING THE SERVICES TO THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED, BECAUSE AT
14 THIS TIME, SUPERVISOR BURKE, WE ARE IN NEED OF YOUR HELP.
15 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR
18 NAME. YES. ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **LETECIA SHAW:** I'M DR. LETECIA SHAW, AND AT THE RISK OF
21 SOUNDING REPETITIVE, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN HEARING IT
22 OVER AND OVER AND PROBABLY YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR IT, I CONCUR
23 WITH A LOT OF THE STATEMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE. BUT ONE OF
24 THE THINGS THAT I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ALL UNDERSTAND IS
25 THE QUALITY OF SERVICES THAT Y.I.P. HAS BEEN PROVIDING FOR A



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1 VERY LONG TIME AND HOW OUR MISSION AND OUR DETERMINATION AND
2 CONCERN FOR THE COMMUNITY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THERE, AND I KNOW
3 THAT YOU ARE ALL VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMMUNITIES THAT YOU
4 SERVE FOR AND YOU WANT THE BEST FOR THOSE COMMUNITIES, BUT
5 THAT COMMUNITY IN WATTS AREA, AND ALL OF THE SPA 6 THAT THE
6 AREAS THAT WE SERVE THROUGH OUR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND OUR
7 FAMILY PRESERVATION WILL BE TREMENDOUSLY AFFECTED, BECAUSE
8 ALTHOUGH THERE ARE OTHER AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES, THE
9 SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED ARE DIFFERENT. WE HAVE A DIFFERENT
10 WAY OF PROVIDING SERVICES. THAT'S WHY WE ARE SO GOOD AT WHAT
11 WE DO AND THAT'S WHY WE HAVE THE RESPONSE THAT WE HAVE FROM
12 THE COMMUNITY, BECAUSE WE GO ONE STEP FURTHER. WE DON'T JUST
13 DO WHAT IS EXPECTED OF US; WE DO A LITTLE MORE, WE DO WHAT IS
14 NECESSARY FOR THE FAMILIES WHEN THEY NEED IT, WHEN THEY HAVE
15 TO HAVE IT. WE DON'T DO AN 8:00-TO-5:00 AN HOUR DAY. WE DO
16 WHATEVER IS NECESSARY. IF WE HAVE TO STAY VERY LATE, THEN WE
17 DO THAT. IF WE HAVE TO BE WITH THE FAMILY AND PROVIDE THEM
18 WITH GROCERIES OR WHATEVER IT IS THAT THEY NEED TO HAVE RIGHT
19 THERE AND THEN, WE DO IT. WE DON'T WAIT UNTIL SOMEBODY CAN
20 SAY, "YEAH, LET'S GO AHEAD AND APPROVE IT AND GIVE IT TO YOU."
21 WE PROVIDE IT TO THE FAMILIES IMMEDIATELY, BECAUSE WE FEEL
22 THAT THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT. WE ALSO KNOW HOW CRUCIAL IT IS
23 FOR US TO BE THERE SO THAT THOSE FAMILIES THAT ARE IN THE
24 VERGE OF LOSING THEIR CHILDREN HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY NOT TO
25 HAVE THAT HAPPEN TO THEM. WE KNOW THAT SOMETIMES IT'S A MILD



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1 THING THAT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED AND WE MAKE SURE THAT THOSE
2 THINGS HAPPEN RIGHT AWAY, AND THIS, WE ARE ABLE TO ELIMINATE
3 THE FACT THAT THEY COULD LOSE THOSE CHILDREN TO D.C.F.S. WE
4 ALSO WORK ON MAKING SURE THAT NEW CASES ARE NOT OPEN UNDER
5 D.C.F.S., BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THINGS CAN BE REMEDIED
6 IMMEDIATELY BEFORE EVEN HAVING NEW CASES BEING OPENED. SO WHAT
7 I'M ASKING IS I'M ASKING -- I'M APPEALING TO YOUR SENSE OF
8 DUTY, TO YOUR SENSE OF CONCERN FOR YOUR COMMUNITIES, THAT YOU
9 THINK ABOUT THIS TWICE AND THAT YOU ALLOW US THE SAME
10 OPPORTUNITIES AND THE SAME STANDARDS THAT YOU ALLOW TO THOSE
11 OTHER AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE THE SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE AND
12 THAT YOU BASE EVERYTHING UNDER THOSE EQUAL STANDARDS, THAT YOU
13 DO NOT USE DIFFERENT WAYS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE, THAT YOU TREAT
14 US THE SAME, THAT YOU DON'T OVERLOOK THOSE THINGS. WE HAVE A
15 RIGHT. WE NEED TO BE TREATED THE SAME. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S WHAT WE INTEND TO DO YES. UH-HUH.
18 WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

19

20 **ALPHA GEE TIMBO:** MY NAME IS -- [APPLAUSE]

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22 **ALPHA GEE TIMBO:** MY NAME IS ALPHA GEE TIMBO AND -- MY NAME IS
23 ALPHA GEE TIMBO AND I'M AN EMPLOYEE OF Y.I.P. FAMILY
24 PRESERVATION SERVICES. WHAT I WANT TO SAY BASICALLY IS THAT I
25 WAS THE FIRST IN-HOME COUNSELOR WHEN Y.I.P. WAS FOUNDED, THE



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1 FAMILY PRESERVATION WAS FOUNDED. AND I'M COMING IN FRONT OF
2 YOU REALLY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT I'M HEARING, WHAT I'M
3 UNDERSTANDING IS GOING ON, BECAUSE OF WHAT I DEEPLY BELIEVE
4 WITHIN MY HEART. AS YOU KNOW FROM MY ACCENT, I'M NOT FROM
5 HERE. I'M FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY, I'M FROM AFRICA. I CAME HERE
6 20 YEARS AGO, AND I GOT TWO MASTER'S DEGREES AND I CAN BE AT
7 Y.I.P. TODAY, I CAN GET ANOTHER JOB SOMEWHERE ELSE. BUT I
8 CHOOSE TO STAY WITH Y.I.P. FOR CERTAIN REASON, AND I WANT TO
9 REALLY, YOU SUPERVISORS UNDERSTAND THE REASONS WHY I DECIDED
10 TO STAY WITH Y.I.P. FOR THIS LONG. I COME FROM A SOCIETY
11 WHEREIN YOUR VALUE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE AMOUNT OF MONEY YOU
12 HAVE, YOUR VALUE IS NOT MEASURED BY THE KIND OF HOUSE YOU HAVE
13 OR HOW PRETTY YOUR WIFE OR HOW BEAUTIFUL YOUR HUSBAND IS. I
14 UNDERSTAND THAT SOMEBODY'S IMPORTANCE IS USUALLY MEASURED BY
15 THE FACT THAT WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEBODY
16 ELSE'S LIFE. OKAY? I CAN SURVIVE. I CAN MOVE ON. BUT I'VE
17 WORKED FOR Y.I.P. FOR SO LONG. THEY TALKED ABOUT -- SOMEBODY
18 TALKED ABOUT THE FACT THAT WE PROVIDED 24-HOURS EMERGENCY
19 RESPONSE SERVICES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY
20 SERVICES. I'M SITTING IN FRONT OF YOU HERE AS A TESTAMENT THAT
21 I HAVE DONE THAT FOR ALL THE SIX, SEVEN YEARS I HAVE DONE
22 EMERGENCY RESPONSE SERVICES WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
23 AND FAMILY SERVICES ON A 24-HOUR BASIS, SEVEN DAYS A WEEK,
24 AROUND THE CLOCK. I DID IT BECAUSE I CARE FOR THE PEOPLE, I
25 CARE FOR THE CHILDREN THAT WE DO SERVE IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS



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1 ANGELES. AND ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT Y.I.P. IS THE ONLY
2 COMMUNITY FAMILY PRESERVATION AGENCY IN THE SOUTH CENTRAL LOS
3 ANGELES AREA THAT IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY A MILE FROM THE
4 MAJOR HOUSING PROJECTS IN THAT COMMUNITY. THESE ARE COMMUNITY
5 THAT HAS BEEN MARGINALIZED, THAT HAS BEEN REALLY MISUSED FOR A
6 LONG TIME, AND WE ARE THERE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THESE
7 FAMILIES. WE HAVE DONE IT. WE HAVE HELPED THOSE FAMILIES, WE
8 HAVE BEEN PART OF THAT FAMILY, WE HAVE BEEN PART OF THAT
9 COMMUNITY FOR A LONG TIME, SO I'M ASKING YOU TO PLEASE
10 RECONSIDER YOUR MOTION HERE TO CLOSE Y.I.P. WE DO PROVIDE
11 SERVICES TO COMMUNITIES, TO PEOPLE THAT ARE REALLY DESPERATE,
12 THAT REALLY NEED OUR HELP. SO PLEASE, LET'S THINK ABOUT THAT.
13 THAT IS VERY, VERY, VERY IMPORTANT. OKAY. AS I SAID, YES,
14 THINGS HAPPEN FOR A REASON, WE CAN MOVE IN TODAY, I CAN GET
15 ANOTHER JOB SOMEWHERE, BUT THAT'S NOT MY ISSUE. I WOULD LIKE
16 TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THESE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH
17 CENTRAL LOS ANGELES AREA. I'VE BEEN WORKING THERE FOR THE PAST
18 11 TO 12 YEARS, AND I DO ENJOY WHAT I'M DOING, I DO ENJOY
19 GETTING UP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT GOING TO AN EMERGENCY
20 RESPONSE. 2:00 A.M. IN THE MORNING. WE ARE THE ONLY ONE IN THE
21 SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES THAT DOES THAT KIND OF WORK.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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1 **ALPHA GEE TIMBO:** SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING AND I
2 HOPE YOU RECONSIDER THIS MOTION.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOU'VE READ THE MOTION?

5

6 **ALPHA GEE TIMBO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU READ THE MOTION OVER THAT'S BEFORE
9 US? HAS EVERYONE READ THE MOTION? OKAY. ALL RIGHT. YES. UH-
10 HUH.

11

12 **ALPHA GEE TIMBO:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

15

16 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** MY NAME IS WARREN WILLIAMS. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** AND WHAT I IDENTIFY IN THIS PARTICULAR MOTION
19 IS THAT THERE'S A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT EXISTS. FOR MONIES
20 TO COME FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER, THEN THE ENTITY THAT'S
21 TRYING TO GET THE MONEY IS GOING TO DO SERVICES BASED ON WHAT
22 THEIR INTEREST IS. MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES HAS AN INTEREST, AND
23 THEIR INTEREST IS THEY DIAGNOSE CHILDREN, TO MEDICATE PEOPLE,
24 TO PROVIDE THEIR TYPE OF SERVICES. THAT'S IN DIRECT CONFLICT
25 WITH THE NEEDS OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. SO CONSIDERING THE



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1 ITEM NUMBER 23, IT SHOULD NOT BE APPROVED. AND WE'LL -- I
2 THINK IN ALL OF WHAT I'VE HEARD TODAY, AND EVERY TIME I COME
3 HERE, AND SUPERVISOR BURKE, THE STATEMENT THAT YOU MADE BEFORE
4 WAS THIS IS NOT PUBLIC COMMENT, BUT BASICALLY YOU ARE SIMPLY
5 KIND OF ALLUDING TO WHAT THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAY IS
6 REALLY NOT THAT MEANINGFUL. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO HEAR
7 SOMETHING, THEN HEAR SOMETHING COMING FROM SOME OF OUR PEOPLE,
8 FROM SOME COUNTY EMPLOYEE, LIKE THE MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR,
9 PERHAPS. WHAT CAN WE SAY LEGALLY THAT WILL HAVE THIS BOARD NOT
10 APPROVE AN ITEM. WHAT LEGALLY WILL BIND YOU TO REALIZE WHEN
11 YOU'RE WRONG TO BE RESPONSIBLE TO WHERE YOU ARE WRONG.
12 EARLIER, I WAS EXTREMELY UPSET AND LISTENED TO THEM TALKING
13 ABOUT THE SCHOOLS IN S-1. AT ALL THE SCHOOLS THAT MY SONS
14 ATTEND, MY SONS COMPLAINED ONE DAY WHEN I PICKED THEM UP THAT
15 THE BATHROOMS WERE DIRTY. I GO INSIDE, AND SURE ENOUGH, THE
16 BATHROOMS WERE EXTREMELY DIRTY, BUT YET EVERY ONE OF THOSE
17 PEOPLE THAT WERE ARGUING TODAY WILL ALLEGING THEY NEED MORE
18 FUNDS TO BE SURE THE BATHROOMS ARE CLEANED, EVEN WHEN THEY
19 ALREADY HAVE A STAFF. ON ITEM 48, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT FUNDING
20 A WHITE HOLOCAUST, BUT YET THE SAME COUNTY HAS NEVER SUPPORTED
21 THE BLACK HOLOCAUST AND REPARATIONS FOR BLACKS. WHEN THE FIRES
22 HAPPEN, SUDDENLY YOU FOUND MONEY. WHEN 9-11 HAPPENED, SUDDENLY
23 YOU FOUND MONEY, BUT WHEN PEOPLE ARE SAYING, "WE NEED JOBS, WE
24 NEED HOUSES, WE NEED YOU TO PROPERLY BE HUMANE AND LET THESE
25 UNIVERSAL RESOURCES BE PROPERLY SHARED WITH EVERYONE' YOU TURN



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1 YOUR BACK AND SAY, "WE DO NOT NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU OR
2 CONSIDER WHAT YOU'RE SAYING." HOW DO WE GET THIS COUNTY TO
3 APPLY WHAT NEEDS TO BE SAID? THE LAW IN REGARD TO THE BROWN
4 ACT STATES IN LEVITAL VERSUS VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
5 1997 AND ALSO THE BACA VERSUS MORENO VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL
6 DISTRICT, THAT THIS BOARD, JUST AS WITH THE SCHOOLS, IS
7 PROHIBITED FROM STOPPING THE PUBLIC FROM MAKING CRITICAL
8 COMMENTS, VIEWPOINTS BASED ON WHAT WE OPPOSE HERE. A
9 DISRUPTION WILL MEAN THAT SOMEONE WILL HAVE TO STAND UP AND
10 THROW THINGS AND CAUSE A DISRUPTION, BUT SPEAKING THE FACT OF
11 WHAT WE CAN SAY AND HOW THE LAW MUST APPLY WHAT IS SAID TO
12 CONSIDER THE CONTENT OF WHAT'S BEING SAID IS WHAT THIS BOARD
13 NEEDS TO BE DOING. I SENT TWO FAXES TO YOU, AND I ASK THAT THE
14 FAXES TO BE CONSIDERED AND TO GO IN THE FILE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME -- THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17

18 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** AND I HAVE THESE TO SUBMIT TO YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'D LIKE TO ASK THAT THE
21 DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH, AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THE
22 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES TO COME FORWARD,
23 BECAUSE WE WANT TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT THE APPROACH IS. AND
24 THE C.A.O., DO YOU HAVE -- DOES THE C.A.O. WISH TO COMMENT ON
25 THIS AT ALL? HOW ABOUT THE COUNTY COUNSEL?



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2 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WELL LET'S START WITH THE COUNTY
5 COUNSEL, AND THEN WE'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM MENTAL HEALTH AS TO
6 EXACTLY HOW THEY SEE -- HOW THEY WANT TO APPROACH THIS.

7

8 **DEPUTY COUNSEL:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BURKE, BOARD MEMBERS.
9 FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE PASSION AND DEDICATION
10 OF THE SPEAKERS, SOME OF WHOM I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING
11 AND THEIR DEDICATION, AND I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
12 PROFESSIONALISM OF COUNSEL FOR Y.I.P., WITH WHOM I'VE BEEN
13 DEALING IN THE PAST FEW DAYS. HAVING DONE THAT, I WOULD LIKE
14 TO MENTION TO THE BOARD THAT I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH SOME
15 OF THE ASSERTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE HERE TO THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS. FIRST, THE ACTION BEFORE THE BOARD IS A
17 TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION EARLIER
18 THAT THIS MIGHT BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON. THAT HAS BEEN
19 WITHDRAWN BY Y.I.P. AND THE BOARD LETTER IN FRONT OF YOU
20 INDICATES THAT ANY ALTERNATIVE, IF IT'S NOT MUTUAL, THAT IT
21 WOULD BE DONE FOR CONVENIENCE. SO WHAT IS BEFORE THE BOARD AT
22 THE PRESENT TIME IS AN ACTION THAT WOULD BE BASED UPON THE
23 BOARD'S AND THE COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO TERMINATE A CONTRACT FOR
24 CONVENIENCE. IT'S BEEN STATED THAT THIS IS A RUSH TO JUDGMENT
25 AND THAT THE ACTION IS PRECIPITOUS, AND I WOULD SIMPLY LIKE TO



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1 COMMENT ON THAT, BOARD MEMBERS, THAT IN MY CONSIDERED OPINION,
2 AND I THINK IN THE OPINION OF THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE
3 LOOKED AT THIS, THIS IS NOT AT ALL A RUSH. I THINK IF THERE
4 WERE TO HAVE BEEN A RUSH, WE PROBABLY WOULD HAVE BEEN BEFORE
5 THIS BOARD SOMETIME IN AUGUST. I THINK QUITE TO THE CONTRARY,
6 WE HAVE SPENT QUITE A BIT OF TIME IN A MULTI-DEPARTMENTAL
7 FASHION TRYING TO DETERMINE WHAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO WITH
8 RESPECT TO THIS CONTRACTOR IS. WE ARE MAKING NO PUBLIC
9 ALLEGATIONS AT THIS TIME. SOME OF THE SPEAKERS HAVE ALLUDED TO
10 ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED, BUT WHAT IS BEFORE THE BOARD IS
11 SIMPLY A TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE. THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
12 HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAVE
13 SIMPLY CONCLUDED THAT THEY WISH TO TERMINATE THIS CONTRACTUAL
14 RELATIONSHIP, WHICH THE CONTRACT DOES ALLOW. THE PARTIES HAVE
15 MADE -- TAKEN STEPS RECENTLY WITH THE COOPERATION OF COUNCIL,
16 WHICH IS MOST APPRECIATED, TO SEE TO IT THAT EMPLOYEES ARE
17 PAID FOR THE CURRENT SERVICES AND FOR SERVICES DURING THE 30-
18 DAY TERMINATION PERIOD, SO WE ARE GLAD TO BE ABLE TO REPRESENT
19 TO YOU THAT THE EMPLOYEES WILL BE PAID, AND COUNCIL'S
20 COOPERATION IS APPRECIATED. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **DEPUTY COUNSEL:** THE -- A STATEMENT WAS MADE ABOUT THE COUNTY
23 ATTEMPTING TO GET THE SITE. THERE IS A REFERENCE IN THE BOARD
24 LETTER WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT SITE AND BOARD MEMBERS,
25 THAT WOULD ONLY BE DONE WITH THE CONSENT OF THE OWNERS OF THE



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1 SITE. WE'RE NOT AFTER ACQUIRING ANY SITE, THERE WAS SIMPLY A
2 POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING THAT SITE FOR SERVICES AFTER THE
3 TERMINATION OF THE CONTRACT. IF IT'S NOT CONSENSUAL ON BEHALF
4 OF THE OWNERS, THE COUNTY HAS NO INTEREST AND INDEED THE BOARD
5 LETTER SAYS THAT AN ALTERNATIVE SITE WOULD BE SOUGHT. I WOULD
6 LIKE TO FINALLY CONCLUDE BY STATING THAT WITH RESPECT TO THE
7 WITHHOLDING OF THE FUNDS, THE BOARD LETTER DOES SAY TO THE
8 BOARD AND SEEKS THE BOARD AUTHORITY TO WITHHOLD APPROXIMATELY
9 \$1.4 MILLION IN FUNDS. IT IS MY CONSIDERED OPINION AND ADVICE
10 TO THE BOARD THAT THAT IS A HIGHLY DESIRABLE THING TO DO
11 BECAUSE WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE, WITH THE HELP OF THE
12 AUDITOR AND POSSIBLY OTHERS, DETERMINE HOW MUCH MONEY IS IN
13 FACT DUE AND OWING TO Y.I.P. IT MAY WELL BE THAT NO MONEY IS
14 DUE AND OWING. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ISSUES RAISED THAT ANSWERS
15 NEED TO BE FOUND FOR. THE WITHHOLDING OF THE MONEY WILL BE
16 SUBJECT TO A PROCESS WHICH THE DEPARTMENTS HAVE AGREED TO
17 EXPEDITE, AND WE WILL PAY TO Y.I.P. ALL FUNDS THAT ARE
18 DETERMINED AFTER A REVIEW PROCESS AND A RECONCILIATION TO BE
19 DUE AND OWING TO Y.I.P., SO WE BELIEVE THAT THE WITHHOLDING
20 FOR THE TIME BEING IS APPROPRIATE SUBJECT TO THAT PROCESS.
21 FINALLY, I THINK IT'S FAIR TO STATE THAT THIS IS AN
22 INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEASURE WHERE THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS THAT
23 HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS DO CONCUR AND THE BOARD LETTER THAT
24 IS BEFORE YOU IS NOT SIMPLY THE TWO DEPARTMENTS, BUT OTHER
25 DEPARTMENTS AS WELL THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THIS, AND THE



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1 DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED, AS I THINK THEY WILL STATE, CARE AS MUCH
2 ABOUT THE CLIENT POPULATION AND DO INDEED WANT TO TAKE ALL THE
3 NECESSARY STEPS TO SEE TO IT THAT THE CLIENT POPULATION IS
4 PROPERLY SERVED. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO ASK DR. SOUTHARD TO
7 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE SERVICE OF THE CLIENT POPULATION AND
8 ALSO HOW THE -- THEY WOULD BE SERVED, WHAT THE APPROACH WOULD
9 BE IN TERMS OF EXISTING EMPLOYEES.

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11 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** YES, SUPERVISOR. TO BEGIN WITH THE MOST
12 POSITIVE POINT, I BELIEVE THAT THE SPEAKERS ARE CORRECT THAT,
13 GENERALLY SPEAKING, WE HAVE BEEN QUITE SATISFIED WITH THE
14 SERVICES PROVIDED BY THIS AGENCY, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE
15 APPROACH TAKEN AND THE QUALITY OF THOSE SERVICES. BECAUSE OF
16 THAT, THE APPROACH THAT WE ARE PROPOSING TO YOUR BOARD IS THAT
17 WE CREATE POSITIONS FOR TEMPORARY COUNTY WORKERS THAT WOULD
18 ENABLE US TO HIRE THE CLINICAL STAFF OF THIS AGENCY SO THAT
19 THE SERVICES CAN CONTINUE TO BE PROVIDED THROUGH AN INTERIM
20 PERIOD. OUR GOAL WOULD BE THEN TO PUT THIS CONTRACT UP FOR
21 R.F.P. OVER THE NEXT 18 MONTHS TO TWO YEARS AND THEN HAVE THE
22 EXISTING EMPLOYEES AS A PART OF THE R.F.P. PROCESS, HAVE FIRST
23 OFFER ON JOBS WITH THE NEW CONTRACT AGENCY. THIS IS AN
24 APPROACH THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH HAS USED IN
25 OTHER INSTANCES AND HAS FOUND IT TO BE A VIABLE WAY OF



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1 APPROACHING A CIRCUMSTANCE IN WHICH THE CLINICAL SERVICES ARE
2 GOOD BUT THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN LACKING.
3 WITH REGARD TO THE FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES, THIS HAS NOT BEEN A
4 RUSHED PROCESS. THIS PROCESS BEGAN IN APPROXIMATELY SEPTEMBER
5 OF '02 WHEN A ROUTINE ANNUAL REVIEW OF FINANCIAL RECORDS
6 REVEALED SOME DISCREPANCIES AS D.M.H. STAFF CONTACTED THE
7 C.P.A. ON THE FINANCIAL RECORDS, WE FOUND THAT THAT C.P.A.
8 DENIED HAVING PERFORMED ANY AUDIT WORK FOR THE AGENCY IN
9 QUESTION, AND WITH THAT AS OUR PRECIPITATING EVENT, WE ASK THE
10 AUDITOR TO DO A FULL INVESTIGATION THAT HAS CULMINATED IN
11 SEVERAL INTERIM REPORTS AND THEN A FINAL RECOMMENDATION ISSUED
12 NOVEMBER 14TH THAT IS A RECOMMENDATION THAT WE DISCONTINUE OUR
13 CONTRACTS WITH THIS AGENCY. OUR EFFORT HAS BEEN TO DEVELOP A
14 MUTUALLY AGREEABLE PLAN AND OUR INTENTION STILL IS TO USE THE
15 30 DAYS OF CONVENIENCE FOR MAKING AS SMOOTH A TRANSITION AS
16 POSSIBLE, BECAUSE I THINK MANY IN THE ORGANIZATION AND WITHIN
17 THE COUNTY CARE VERY MUCH ABOUT THE SERVICES AND SO WE'RE
18 HOPING THAT WE'RE ABLE TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR A TRANSITION THAT
19 MAKES SENSE FROM A CLINICAL PERSPECTIVE.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
22 FAMILY SERVICES, CAN WE HEAR WHAT YOUR APPROACH IS?

23
24 **SPEAKER:** I'D LIKE TO ECHO DR. SOUTHARD'S COMMENTS WITH RESPECT
25 TO THE QUALITY OF SERVICES THAT WE'VE RECEIVED FROM Y.I.P. WE



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1 RECENTLY DID A PROGRAM AUDIT OF 20 RANDOMLY SELECTED INVOICES
2 AND FOUND IN TALKING WITH THE RECIPIENT AT THE SERVICE THAT
3 THEY WERE SATISFIED, VERY SATISFIED WITH THE SERVICE THEY'VE
4 RECEIVED. HISTORICALLY, WE'VE HAD THREE CONTRACTUAL
5 RELATIONSHIPS WITH Y.I.P., OF ONE TO DO WRAP-AROUND SERVICES,
6 A SECOND TO DO FAMILY PRESERVATION SERVICES, AND A THIRD TO DO
7 FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES. THE FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE CONTRACT
8 IS ON A MONTH-TO-MONTH BASIS AT THIS POINT, SO WE'VE ALLOWED
9 THAT CONTRACT TO EXPIRE. THE OTHER TWO CONTRACTUAL SERVICES,
10 WE WOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO TAKE ANY RESIDUAL DOLLARS
11 AVAILABLE FROM THE Y.I.P. CONTRACT AND ALLOCATE IT TO OTHER
12 PROVIDERS OF THAT LIKE SERVICE IN SERVICE PLANNING AREA 6 SO
13 THAT, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, THE CLIENTS IN THAT SERVICE
14 PLANNING AREA WOULD NOT HAVE AN INTERRUPTION IN THEIR
15 SERVICES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL AH NOW, AREN'T THERE SOME AGENCIES
18 THAT ARE UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF Y.I.P.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** WE ONLY HAVE CONTRACTS WITH Y.I.P.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

23

24 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE YOU'RE CORRECT, I
25 BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE SOME --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONLY FAMILY PRESERVATION.

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4 **MARVIN SOUTHARD:** -- SOME AGENCIES THAT HAVE FAMILY
5 PRESERVATION SUBCONTRACTS, AND I BELIEVE THE APPROACH WOULD BE
6 TO CONTINUE THOSE SUBCONTRACTS DIRECTLY WITH THOSE AGENCIES OR
7 THROUGH ANOTHER MEANS, BUT TO PRESERVE THE EXISTING SUB-
8 CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS I BELIEVE IS THE APPROACH.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW WHAT ABOUT THE EMPLOYEES IN FAMILY
11 PRESERVATION? WHAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE THERE?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** WE CAN'T GUARANTEE THEM BUT WE WOULD ENCOURAGE THE
14 PROVIDERS THAT WOULD BE PICKING UP THE REMAINING FUNDS TO GIVE
15 SERIOUS CONSIDERATION TO THOSE EMPLOYEES.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DOES THE AUDITOR WISH TO ADD
18 ANYTHING ELSE?

19

20 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** WHAT WE FOUND IS A SERIOUS LACK OF
21 DOCUMENTATION OF RECORDS FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. WE ASKED FOR
22 AND THEY COOPERATIVELY GAVE US A LOT OF RECORDS. WE CONTINUED
23 TO NOT GET WHAT WE NEEDED AND CONTINUED BACK AND FORTH TO ASK
24 FOR RECORDS. IN THE END, WE HAVE LOTS OF HOLES IN THE SENSE
25 THAT WE DO NOT FEEL WE HAVE FULL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE FUNDS



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1 AND AS EVIDENCED JUST THIS WEEK, I RECEIVED A NOTICE OF LEVY
2 FROM THE I.R.S. THAT THEY -- FOR \$645,000. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN
3 PAYING THEIR PAYROLL TAXES. THAT WOULD PRECLUDE ME FROM MAKING
4 PAYMENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE DIRECTED TO THE COUNTY. WE HAD OF
5 COURSE SEEN THAT IN THE AUDIT AND SOUGHT REASONS FOR WHY THAT
6 WAS HAPPENING, BUT THERE WERE MANY OTHER ISSUES IN THE AUDIT
7 THAT CONCERNED US GREATLY ABOUT THEIR DOCUMENTATION AND HOW
8 THEY DID BUSINESS.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO ASK FOR -- I'M
11 GOING TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT THAT THEY WOULD HAVE 24 HOURS FOR A
12 MUTUAL TERMINATION AND IF THAT DOES NOT OCCUR, THAT THE MOTION
13 AS PRESENTED BE APPROVED. IS THERE A SECOND? ALL RIGHT. IS
14 THERE ANY OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** YOU WITHHELD PAYMENTS FOR OVER SIX MONTHS, HOW WOULD
17 YOU PAY THE I.R.S.?

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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21 **SPEAKER:** I MEAN IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME THAT THEY WITHHOLD
22 BACK OVER \$400,000 A MONTH FOR SIX CONSECUTIVE MONTHS WITH
23 THIS ORGANIZATION, AND THEN SAY YOU'RE BEHIND IN YOUR BILLS,
24 YOU'VE MADE SURE THEY WERE BEHIND IN THEIR BILLS BECAUSE
25 YOU'VE GOT ALL OF THEIR REVENUE. [INAUDIBLE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THE WORKERS WILL BE CONTINUING, THE
3 SERVICES WILL BE CONTINUING --

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5 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE]

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT THE -- ALL RIGHT, YOU KNOW, I'M NOT
8 GOING TO GET INTO A DISCUSSION OF IT.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE]

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 48, I BELIEVE, IS STILL BEFORE US.
13 RICHARD ROBINSON AND CANDICE OWENS -- OWEN. I THOUGHT MARGO
14 WAS NO LONGER THERE, FOR TWO YEARS. SHE RESIGNED TWO YEARS
15 AGO.

16

17 **RICHARD ROBINSON:** MADAM PRESIDENT, MEMBERS, RICHARD ROBINSON.
18 I AM PART JEWISH. A DESCENDENT OF CARPET BAGGERS. THOSE WHO
19 WOULD FORGET THE HOLOCAUST, THE MILLIONS MURDERED BETWEEN
20 CRYSTAL NIGHT IN 1938 AND THE END OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR DO
21 FURTHER HARM. PLEASE VISIT THE MUSEUM IN D.C. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT YES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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1 **CANDACE OWEN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY
2 NAME IS CANDACE OWEN, NO 'S,' NO RELATION TO JESSE OWENS. I'M
3 GOING TO QUOTE TO YOU FROM A BOOK TITLED "WERE WE OUR
4 BROTHERS' KEEPERS?" IT HAS TO DO WITH THE AMERICAN RESPONSE, A
5 JEWISH AMERICAN RESPONSE TO THE HOLOCAUST, AND WHAT WILL
6 HAPPEN WHEN MY SON ASKS ME TOMORROW, "WHAT DID YOU DO WHILE
7 YOUR BROTHERS WERE BEING EXTERMINATED AND TORTURED BY THE
8 NAZIS?" WHAT WILL I SAY, AND WHAT WILL I BE ABLE TO TELL HIM.
9 SHALL I TELL HIM THAT I LIVED IN A GENERATION OF WEAKLINGS AND
10 COWARDS WHO WERE NEITHER MOVED NOR SHOCKED WHEN THEY HEARD THE
11 HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF THEIR BROTHERS BEING LED TO THE
12 SLAUGHTER HOUR BY HOUR, DAY BY DAY, YEAR BY YEAR. SHALL I
13 DESCRIBE IN THE ANNUALS OF AMERICAN JURY AND ADMIT THAT OUR
14 PEOPLE DID NOT MEET THE TEST OF HISTORY? SHALL I TELL THEM
15 THAT THE FORCES OF DESTRUCTION WHICH ENVELOPE THEIR EUROPEAN
16 BROTHERS DID NOT DISTURB THE SLUMBER OF AMERICAN JEWS OR
17 AROUSE THEM FROM THEIR INSIDES, NOR SHALL I DEFEND MY
18 GENERATION SAYING THAT WE DID NOT HAVE THE GUTS TO LAUNCH A
19 STRONG CAMPAIGN BECAUSE WE KNEW WELL THAT OUR EFFORTS WOULD BE
20 UNAVAILING AND THAT WE HAD NO POWER TO AFFECT THE SITUATION. I
21 SHALL, HOWEVER, CERTAINLY NOT DARE TO TELL MY SON ABOUT THE
22 BUSINESS AS USUAL. JUST AS THE BUSINESS AS USUAL TODAY WHEN
23 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT ATTEMPT TO BE HEARD. THIS BOARD
24 OF SUPERVISORS TRIES TO SILENCE US, MS. MOLINA. THE DIRECTOR
25 OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES HAS RECENTLY REPORTED THAT 50%



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1 OF THE CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM NEVER SHOULD HAVE
2 BEEN REMOVED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. WHERE IS THE PUBLIC OUTCRY?
3 AND WHEN THE FAMILIES CRY OUT, YOU SHUT THEM UP. WHERE ARE THE
4 SURVIVING JEWS TODAY? WHERE ARE THEIR FAMILIES? ARE THEY HERE
5 TODAY? ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, WHERE ARE THEY? AS IT STATES RIGHT
6 NOW, ON JUNE 23RD, THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT RULED
7 SECTION 138, ET AL, OF THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE CODE
8 UNCONSTITUTIONALLY BECAUSE IT INTERFERES WITH THE NATIONAL
9 GOVERNMENT'S CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS, YET HERE WE WANT TO
10 TAKE MORE TIME TO COMPENSATE JEWS' 60 PLUS YEARS? IS THAT
11 WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO ME, OR PERHAPS TO HANNAH LEAH? IS
12 SHE GOING TO BE COMPENSATED THEN FOR THE ATROCITIES THAT
13 HAPPENED RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES DUE TO THE FAILURE OF A
14 SYSTEM SO OUT OF WHACK THAT YOU CONTINUALLY TRY TO COVER IT
15 UP, AND WHEN WE COME HERE FOR HELP AND WE COME TO BE HEARD,
16 YOU TURN YOUR BACKS. AND WHO BUT A JEW IS PRESIDING OVER
17 EDMOND D. EDELMAN'S CHILDREN'S COURT? WE HAVE A NEW NAZI CAMP
18 TAKING PLACE, AND LET ME REMIND THE BOARD IN CLOSING, WHAT --
19 WHAT --

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY.

22

23 **CANDACE OWEN:** PLEASE I KNOW MS. BURKE, I HAVEN'T BEEN HERE IN
24 A LONG TIME. I JUST HAD TO CLOSE WITH THIS AS A QUOTE FROM
25 EDWARD ANZCHNIZKI, "FEAR NOT YOUR ENEMIES, FOR THEY CAN ONLY



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1 KILL YOU. FEAR NOT YOUR FRIENDS, FOR THEY CAN ONLY BETRAY YOU.
2 FEAR ONLY THE INDIFFERENT WHO PERMIT THE KILLERS AND THE
3 BETRAYERS TO WALK SAFELY ON THE EARTH." THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
6 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ADJOURNMENTS, SUPERVISOR
7 YAROSLAVSKY?

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
10 MEMORY OF TIM FALCO, A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES
11 POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OFFICER IN THE FOOTHILL DIVISION IN THE
12 NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AND A SENIOR LEAD OFFICER FOR
13 MISSION HILLS FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. HE DIED TRAGICALLY IN AN
14 ACCIDENT WHILE ON A FAMILY VACATION IN THE EAST COAST. TIM WAS
15 WELL-LIKED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED IN THE COMMUNITY AND HIS DEATH
16 IS A TERRIBLE LOSS TO THE COMMUNITY AND TO THE L.A.P.D. AND TO
17 HIS OWN FAMILY, OF COURSE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO
18 CHILDREN, HIS PARENTS AND OTHER RELATIVES AND FRIENDS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS. AND THE OTHER ONE JUST CAME TO
23 MY ATTENTION THIS MORNING, HOWARD INGLEMAN, A LONG-TIME
24 CONSTITUENT OF MINE IN WEST LOS ANGELES, PASSED AWAY ON
25 SUNDAY, AND I'LL GET THE BOARD SECRETARY THE INFORMATION.



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1 WE'LL ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY, HOWARD INGLEMAN,
2 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND SON, JOHN INGLEMAN. THAT'S IT FOR ME.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I MOVE
7 TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARY KRESS, MOTHER OF MY
8 DENTIST, DR. PHIL KRESS, WHO PASSED THIS PAST FRIDAY AWAY
9 AFTER A VERY LONG ILLNESS. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, PHIL,
10 AND WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED BY ALL HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM "
15 WALKING WILLIE" CROAKER. I HAD HIM DOWN HERE SEVERAL YEARS
16 AGO. WILLIE PASSED AWAY ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, AT THE AGE
17 OF 55. HE GOT HIS NICKNAME FROM PARTICIPATING IN MANY WALKS
18 FOR CANCER AWARENESS FOUNDATION AND DONATED HUNDREDS OF HOURS
19 VOLUNTEERING FOR DIFFERENT CAUSES. HE'S WALKED ALL OVER THE
20 WORLD. HIS ENTIRE FAMILY WAS LOST TO CANCER AND HE HAS BEEN
21 VERY, VERY COMMITTED IN THAT EFFORT TO BRING OUT CANCER
22 AWARENESS AND HE'LL BE SORELY MISSED BY HIS FRIENDS. ALSO WE
23 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DON DIXON, WHO PASSED AWAY NOVEMBER 9TH.
24 HE WAS 86. DON WAS QUITE A MAN WITH A BIG HEART WHO NEVER
25 BOASTED ABOUT THE THINGS HE DID BEHIND THE SCENES. HE WAS VERY



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1 ACTIVE WITH HIS BUSINESS AND GROUPS IN DOWNEY AND LYNWOOD AND
2 SERVED AS PAST PRESIDENT OF BOTH CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. HE ALSO
3 CO-FOUNDED AND WAS PAST PRESIDENT OF CITIZENS FOR DOWNEY, A
4 GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATION FORMED IN 1979 AND DON IS TRULY GOING
5 TO BE MISSED. HE TREATED HIS EMPLOYEES LIKE FAMILY AND HE WAS
6 KNOWN AS MR. COURTESY, MR. DOWNEY, AND MR. BUSINESS, A MAN ALL
7 ROLLED INTO ONE. AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, FOUR CHILDREN,
8 A BROTHER, TWO SISTERS, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT
9 GRANDCHILDREN. AND DON WAS A DEAR FRIEND. ALSO TODAY THAT WE
10 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DE'SHAWN JONES, A FORMER LONG BEACH DAY
11 NURSERY STUDENT, RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AT JUST SIX YEARS OF
12 AGE, AND EVEN THOUGH HE WAS STRICKEN WITH HODGKIN'S DISEASE,
13 HE NEVER WANTED TO MISS SCHOOL OR CHURCH REGARDLESS OF HIS
14 MANY DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS. DE'SHAWN LIT UP A ROOM WITH HIS
15 BRIGHT SMILE AND PERSONALITY. HE'S GOING TO BE FONDLY MISSED
16 BY HIS MANY FRIENDS AT LONG BEACH DAY NURSERY AND HIS BELOVED
17 FAMILY. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO ORDERED.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF THE BURBANK POLICE OFFICER, MATTHEW PAVELKA, WHO WAS
3 TRAGICALLY MURDERED THIS PAST SATURDAY IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON
4 NOVEMBER 16TH BY TWO GUNMEN WHEN A ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP TURNED
5 INTO A GUN BATTLE. HE HAD BEEN ON THE FORCE FOR LESS THAN ONE
6 YEAR. HIS FATHER WAS A RETIRED LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
7 OFFICER. HE IS MARRIED AND RESIDES IN THE SANTA CLARITA
8 VALLEY.WITH HIS WIFE AND FAMILY. HE WAS 26 YEARS OLD.

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10 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO -- ALL MEMBERS.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS. RUTH ZAVALA DOMINGUEZ, KNOWN AS
13 MAMA LILLIE, WAS THE MOTHER OF ROSALIE HERRERA, A MEMBER OF MY
14 STAFF, WHO PASSED AWAY ON NOVEMBER 14TH AT THE AGE OF 79. SHE
15 WAS A VERY STRONG WOMAN OF FAITH AND ALWAYS PUT HER CHILDREN
16 AND HER FAMILY FIRST. SHE RETIRED FROM PAN PACIFIC AND WAS AN
17 ACTIVE MEMBER OF VARIOUS SENIOR CENTERS IN WILMINGTONTON.
18 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN, THREE SIBLINGS, FAMILY
19 AND FRIENDS. RUDOLPH LIZZARI, FATHER OF DEBBIE LIZZARI, COUNTY
20 BUDGET DIRECTOR WITH THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, WHO PASSED AWAY. IN
21 ADDITION TO HIS DAUGHTER, HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE
22 OTHER CHILDREN. I'D SAY ALL MEMBERS ON THAT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT AS WELL.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A GOOD FRIEND, WALT CHAMBERLAIN SMITH, WALTER
2 SMITH, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. HE WORKED FOR MANY YEARS
3 FOR LOCKHEED-MARTIN BEFORE RETIRING. HE WORKED TIRELESSLY FOR
4 THE CALIFORNIA REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR OVER 60 YEARS, INVOLVED
5 WITH THE PRECINCT OPERATIONS. HE WAS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS
6 LOVING FATHER, BY HIS LOVING WIFE AND DAUGHTER, AND HE'S
7 SURVIVED BY FOUR GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND
8 A SON-IN-LAW, THREE NIECES, AND HIS AUNT JANET MOEBIUS. HE WAS
9 REALLY A GOOD MAN. HE WAS DEDICATED TO HIS COMMUNITY, STATE,
10 AND NATION, WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THEN A MAN BY THE NAME OF
11 RONALD REAGAN, WHO BECAME A GOVERNOR, AND THEN PRESIDENT, AND
12 WENT WITH HIS BOOTS ON STILL WORKING WITH THE PRECINCT
13 OPERATIONS. FRANK BRIDAL OF THE ALTADENA, WHO PASSED AWAY THIS
14 PAST WEEKEND. WAS A LOVING FATHER AND HE LEAVES BEHIND TWO
15 SONS. HE WAS QUITE ACTIVE WITH THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES, THE
16 ALTA DENA TOWN COUNCIL, THE ALTA DENA COMMUNITY, AND WAS ALSO
17 QUITE INVOLVED WITH THE REPUBLICAN PARTY, SERVING AT MANY OF
18 THE STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. HIS WIFE, DOTTIE, PASSED
19 AWAY ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO, WHO WAS ALSO QUITE INVOLVED IN ALTA
20 DENA IN THE PASADENA COMMUNITY. ALICE PAULINE MAXSON COTA,
21 PAST PRESIDENT OF DELTA KAPPA GAMMA, THE HONORARY SOCIETY FOR
22 WOMEN EDUCATORS, A CHARTER MEMBER OF THE WEST COVINA COMMUNITY
23 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WHERE SHE HELPED ESTABLISH THE CHILDREN'S
24 LIBRARY IN HER HUSBAND'S MEMORY, FRED COTA. RUSSELL "RUSS"
25 COILE, WHO WAS A -- WORKED FOR THE SUPERIOR CONSULTANT, HE WAS



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1 A HEALTHCARE FUTURIST IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. WAS A GREAT
2 TEACHER AND CONTRIBUTOR TO THE HEALTHCARE FIELD. REGINALD
3 ARTHUR STONE. HE WORKED AT THE SUBURBAN WATER SYSTEMS FOR 43
4 YEARS, WHERE HE WORKED WITH EVERYTHING THAT WAS WATER RELATED
5 TO THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND WAS A LONG-TIME CHAIRMAN OF THE
6 MAIN SAN GABRIEL BASIN WATER MASTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE'S
7 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JUDITH AND THEIR TWO CHILDREN. AND PENNY
8 SINGLETON, WHO WAS BEST REMEMBERED AS BLONDIE, THE SCATTER-
9 BRAINED YET OFTEN SENSIBLE CHARACTER SHE PLAYED IN THE 28
10 MOVIES FROM 1938 TO 1950, DIED NOVEMBER 12TH AT THE AGE OF 95.
11 SHE WAS KNOWN TO LATER GENERATIONS AS THE VOICE OF JANE JETSON
12 IN THE CARTOON AND MOVIES OF 'THE JETSONS,' THE HANNAH-
13 BARBERA. SHE WAS MOST IDENTIFIED AS I SAID WITH HER ROLE AS
14 DAISY, SHE'S SURVIVED BY TWO DAUGHTERS AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN
15 AND SHE ATTENDED MANY OF THE EVENTS THROUGHOUT HER CAREER.
16 JUST ABOUT A YEAR AGO WHEN JOHNNY GRANT HAD HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY,
17 SHE WAS THERE ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY TO WISH
18 JOHNNY A VERY HAPPY, HAPPY 80TH. SO I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN
19 MEMORY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS FOR A REPORT BACK,
24 AND THAT WOULD BE TO DIRECT THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY
25 MANAGEMENT, THE FIRE CHIEF, AND THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENT -- SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO EXPLORE THE UTILIZATION
2 OF HAM RADIO OPERATORS TO ASSIST IN THE EVALUATION PROCESS AND
3 WITH OTHER FUNCTIONS DURING AN EMERGENCY AND TO ORGANIZE
4 VOLUNTEER HAM OPERATORS WHO COULD BE CALLED UPON IN THE EVENT
5 OF A DISASTER. THAT REPORT BACK IN 30 DAYS.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** REPORT BACK. SO ORDERED.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S ALL.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PUBLIC COMMENT? LEONARD WAYNE ROSE, DEBORAH
12 RAYFORD, CLAUDIA ANDRADE, AND MICHAEL NEIL, WE'LL CALL UP
13 THEN.

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15 **LEONARD WAYNE ROSE:** HI, I'M LEONARD WAYNE ROSE JR. MY NAME'S
16 LEONARD ROSE JR. TODAY, I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT EARTHQUAKE
17 EMERGENCY DRILL SAFETY ALERT. THIS IS WHAT I LEARNED IN A
18 VIDEOTAPE AT A PUBLIC LIBRARY. SURVIVING THE BIG ONE, HOW TO
19 PREPARE FOR A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE. PREPARE A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE
20 DRILL ON JOB, HOME, AND BUSINESS, AND SCHOOL AND COUNTY AND
21 POLICE AND ALL EMERGENCY PERSONNEL BE ALERT BEFORE WHEN THE
22 EARTHQUAKE STRIKES. TWO DAYS ONLY. BOSS, ANYONE NEED TO GO TO,
23 AMERICAN RED CROSS TAKE C.P.R. AND FIRST AID. IT WILL HAPPEN
24 AT ANY TIME. EIGHT POINT, NINE POINT, RECORD SCALE, TWO-STORY
25 MOVIE EARTHQUAKE. AMERICAN MOVIE CLASSIC TV.COM SHOW ON



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1 CHANNEL 34, CABLE T.V. KEEPS SHOWING TWO-STORY ONLY NEAR A
2 FAULT 600 MILES LONG NOW FOUND IN L.A. NUMBER TWO, PUT ON T.V.
3 TUNNEL, THEN FOLLOW UP THE NEWS, HOW TO PREPARE A MAJOR
4 EARTHQUAKE AND HOW TO BE MORE SAFETY ALERT EMERGENCY DRILL.
5 NUMBER ONE, SHUT OFF GAS BILL, CHECK ANY LEAKS. SHUT OFF THE
6 WATER BILL. NUMBER TWO, HAVE MORE FOOD, WATER BOTTLE. BUY
7 RADIO BATTERY. NUMBER THREE, GAS STOVE, SMALL ONE, LIKE
8 CAMPING STOVE, AND THEN NUMBER FOUR, ELECTRIC GENERATOR, GAS
9 WITH WATER AND BUY A HARDWARE STORE. AND NUMBER FIVE, THEY CAN
10 LEARN C.P.R., FIRST AID, AMERICAN RED CROSS, OR COLLEGE AND
11 SCHOOL, GO TO LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS, VIDEOTAPE, LEARN
12 ABOUT SAFETY EMERGENCY. AND THINGS ARE GOING TO GET WORSE, IN
13 MATTHEW 24, VERSE 1 TO 51, AND LUKE CHAPTER 21, 1 TO 38 IN THE
14 BIBLE, THEY TALK ABOUT DISASTER TIMES, WARS, FAMINE,
15 EARTHQUAKE, PERSECUTION AND THINGS ARE GOING TO GET WORSE WHEN
16 THE DAYS GO BY. AND THESE BACK HERE, 1 TO 10, SAFETY ALERT
17 AWARENESS MAY CAUSE EARTHQUAKE, LIKE A GAS TANK, YOUR GASOLINE
18 COMPANY, DRINKING WATER DAM, GAS IN THE HOME, APARTMENT,
19 BUSINESS, POWER PLANT, NEED TO PROTECT IT. AND ROCK COMPANY,
20 AND OIL DRILL, GAS DRILL, FIRE STORM, VOLCANO IN MEXICO, OCEAN
21 WAVE AND ATMOSPHERE WEATHER TO BECOME WORSE. AND SANTA FAULT
22 LINE IS VERY DANGEROUS AND MUST BE PROTECTED. THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH.
24
25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU LOOK VERY NICE TODAY.



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2 **LEONARD WAYNE ROSE:** OKAY.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, STATE YOUR NAME.

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6 **MICHAEL NEIL:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL NEIL. TOMORROW IS MY SON'S
7 SEVENTH BIRTHDAY. HE'S BEEN IN HIS SECOND BIRTHDAY IN THE
8 CUSTODY OF DEPARTMENT AND CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. HE WAS
9 PLACED THERE WHEN HE WITNESSED HIS MOTHER'S MURDER AND THE
10 SUBSEQUENT SUICIDE OF HER FIANCE. THREE DAYS LATER, THEY FOUND
11 THEIR BODIES IN THE HOUSE WITH HIM AND THERE ARE NO -- I WAS
12 NEVER NOTIFIED BY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN SERVICES OF MY SON'S
13 PLACEMENT WITH THEM. I'VE BEEN (VOICE WAVERING) -- I'VE BEEN
14 FIGHTING FOR THE LAST YEAR TO EVEN SEE MY SON. I'VE NOT SEEN
15 HIM SINCE THIS OCCURRED. I'VE BEEN RUNNING INTO A LOT OF
16 PROBLEMS WITH D.C.F.S., BUT I'M HERE TO OFFER YOU A SOLUTION,
17 NOT A PROBLEM. I'LL DEAL WITH MY PROBLEMS IN THE COURT AND
18 THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE MANNERS. WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
19 D.C.S.F. LOSING OUR CHILDREN. NONE OF YOU CAN DENY THAT. YOU
20 CANNOT TELL ME WHAT THIS FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE SAYS. YOU'RE
21 ENDANGERING OUR CHILDREN. THIS IS THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE
22 RIGHT HERE TO THE CHILDREN IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY. THEY'RE IN
23 OUR CUSTODY A LOT OF TIMES TO KEEP THEM FROM THEIR PARENTS,
24 WHO ARE DANGEROUS. YET IN COURT, MY SON HAS BEEN PLACED ON A
25 CONFIDENTIAL, NONDISCLOSURE CASE. I WAS HANDED 15 PAGES WITH



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1 THIS AS THE COVER. THAT I WAS NOT SUPPOSED TO HAVE STATING HIS
2 PLACEMENT, WHERE HE IS, WHO HE'S WITH, WHERE HE GOES TO
3 SCHOOL, EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM. FOR TWO CENTS, TWO PENNIES, THAT
4 COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED. FIRST AND FOREMOST, FOR THAT TO
5 HAPPEN AT EDELMAN'S CENTER IS AN OUTCRY, AND THEN FOR ME TO
6 WALK AROUND THERE, SET IT ON THE TABLE AND NO ONE BE ABLE TO
7 TELL THAT I HAVE INFORMATION I SHOULD NOT HAVE IS CRYING FOR
8 YOUR ATTENTION. SO IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RUSH AN ORDER TO CHANGE
9 THE COVER TO A COLOR SO THAT EVERYONE CAN SEE THAT THERE'S
10 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION BEING HANDED OUT AND ENSURE THAT
11 EVERYONE HAS IT. ONE PENNY A PAGE ON THE COVER ALONE COULD
12 HAVE PREVENTED ME FROM FINDING OUT WHERE MY SON WAS, WHO HAS
13 HIM, AND EVERYTHING ELSE. THIS BOARD, DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN
14 SERVICES IS BLESSED THAT IT WAS ME, AN HONEST PERSON, THAT
15 FOUND OUT THIS INFORMATION AND NOT SOMEONE WHO IS A DANGER TO
16 THEIR CHILDREN. SO PLEASE, ON MY SON'S BEHALF, MAKE AN ORDER
17 AS FAST AS YOU CAN TO MAKE ALL CONFIDENTIAL CASES HAVE COLOR
18 TO THEM. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

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22 **MICHAEL NEIL:** I'LL GIVE YOU --

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUGGESTION.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND IS THERE SOMEONE HERE FROM CHILDREN AND
2 FAMILY SERVICES? WILL YOU PLEASE SPEAK WITH HIM, AND ALSO, YOU
3 KNOW, TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

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5 **MICHAEL NEIL:** THAT'S THE BOARD, THAT'S THE COVER, AS IT CAME.

6

7 **CLAUDIA ANDRADE:** HELLO. MY NAME IS CLAUDIA ANDRADE, AND I
8 RESIDE UNDER SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S DISTRICT. I'D LIKE TO
9 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR RESPONDING TO THE NUMBER
10 OF INQUIRIES THAT I HAVE MADE TO YOUR OFFICE WITH MY CONCERNS
11 WITH D.C.F.S. YOUR DESIRE FOR REFORM IS ADMIRABLE AND I EXTEND
12 THAT ADMIRATION TO THE ENTIRE BOARD, AS IT IS CERTAINLY CLEAR
13 THAT THERE IS A UNIFIED OBJECTIVE IN CHANGING THE CHILD
14 WELFARE SYSTEM, AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT. I'M AN ADVOCATE FOR
15 CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES. I WAS A LICENSED COUNTY FOSTER
16 HOME FOR OVER 13 YEARS. I'VE SUCCESSFULLY COLLABORATED WITH
17 D.C.F.S. IN THE REUNIFICATION AND/OR PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF 28
18 CHILDREN. I HAVE 160 HOURS OF TRAINING THROUGH THE COUNTY'S
19 PROGRAM. I SERVED A YEAR UNDER THE EMERGENCY SHELTER CARE
20 PROGRAM AND LEFT THAT PROGRAM IN GOOD STANDING. I MAINTAIN A
21 MENTOR RELATIONSHIP WITH THREE OF THE MOTHERS OF CHILDREN THAT
22 I'VE ADOPTED. I'VE ADOPTED FOUR CHILDREN OUT OF LONG-TERM
23 FOSTER CARE, I WORK IN AN ORGANIZATION CALLED CHILD SHARE IN
24 THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF FOSTER PARENTS. I HOLD A B.A.
25 IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT FROM CALIFORNIA STATE NORTHRIDGE ALONG



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1 WITH A B.A. IN PSYCHOLOGY, AND I'M FINISHING MY MASTER'S IN
2 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE SIX CHILDREN IN MY HOME, ONE
3 BIOLOGICAL, FOUR ADOPTED AND ONE LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP. IN JULY
4 OF 2002 I REQUESTED THAT THE CHILD SOCIAL WORKER REOPEN COURT
5 JURISDICTION SO THE ADOPTION OF MY CHILD COULD PROCEED.
6 JANUARY 2003 COURT JURISDICTION WAS REOPENED. MAY 2003 THE
7 CHILD WAS FREED FOR ADOPTION. IN JUNE OF 2003, A TAMARA
8 DIAMOND ADOPTION WORKER WAS GIVEN MY CASE TO FINISH THE HOME
9 STUDY. ALSO IN JUNE, I SENT A LETTER TO THE BOARD IN MY
10 ADVOCACY POSITION TO HELP A FAMILY BY THE NAME OF STEPHEN
11 LUCINDA FESTER AND CHILDREN'S BUREAU. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU
12 RECALL THAT LETTER, BUT I'VE INCLUDED A COPY FOR YOUR
13 REFERENCE. AUGUST 25TH, 2003, TAMARA DIAMOND, THE ADOPTION
14 WORKER, MAKES HER FIRST VISIT TO TALK TO MY HUSBAND AND
15 MYSELF. SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2003, TWO WEEKS LATER, SHE COMES TO
16 SPEAK WITH MY CHILDREN. NOVEMBER 2003, I RECEIVE A LETTER
17 TELLING ME THAT OUR PETITION FOR ADOPTION HAS BEEN DENIED.
18 INEXPERIENCE COUPLED WITH INCOMPETENCE ARE THE ONLY TERMS THAT
19 SATISFACTORILY DESCRIBE THIS M.S.W. TAMARA DIAMOND OUT OF THE
20 REGION OF FIVE D.C.F.S. OFFICE WHO PERFORMED WHAT I HESITATED
21 TO CALL AN ADOPTIVE HOME STUDY ON OUR HOME. WHILE I FEEL
22 STRONGLY THAT MISS DIAMOND PERHAPS WAS GUIDED BY A REACTIVE
23 ADMINISTRATION THAT IS PERHAPS RETALIATING FROM THE JUNE
24 LETTER WHICH BROUGHT UNDUE SCRUTINY UPON THEM, IT DOES NOT
25 EXPLAIN HOW A WORKER WITH AN ASSUMED OBJECTIVE OF SEEKING TO



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1 SERVE THE BEST INTEREST OF A CHILD, A CHILD AS SIGNIFICANTLY
2 DISABLED AS MY DAUGHTER TO MAKE TWO HOME VISITS TO A HOME AND
3 PRODUCE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO DENY THIS CHILD A CHANCE FOR A
4 FOREVER HOME. NOT ONLY DID SHE FAIL TO CONTACT ANY OF THE
5 INDIVIDUALS THAT CAN QUALIFY THE PARENTING AND THE HOME
6 ENVIRONMENT PROVIDED THIS CHILD; TEACHERS, PHYSICAL
7 THERAPISTS, THERE ARE NUMEROUS INDIVIDUALS THAT WORK WITH
8 MONIQUE DUE TO HER COMPROMISED DEVELOPMENT. BUT MISS DIAMOND
9 DID NOT EVEN MAKE A THIRD VISIT TO DISCUSS WITH US WHATEVER
10 CONCERNS SHE HAD THAT LED HER TO DECIDE TO DISQUALIFY OUR
11 HOME. CURRENT CUSTODY OF THE CHILD REMAINS WITH US. MISS
12 DIAMOND IS OBVIOUSLY NOT CONCERNED TO THE POINT THAT SHE FEELS
13 THE CHILD SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM OUR HOME, BUT SHE DOESN'T
14 THINK THAT WE SHOULD ADOPT THE CHILD. OUR FIRST HOME STUDY WAS
15 STARTED IN 1999 AND COMPLETED IN 2000. IT INVOLVES SIX VISITS
16 WITH OUR M.S.W., CAROL GRIFFIN, AND AN ADDITIONAL TWO POST
17 ADOPTION VISITS AS SHE USHERED OUR FOURTH CHILD THROUGH THE
18 PROCESS. AT THE CLOSE OF THE CASE, WE FELT SHE WAS A FAMILY
19 MEMBER. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK FOR YOUR INTERVENTION. THERE IS
20 NO REASON THAT WE SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ADOPT THIS CHILD, AND
21 I'M HERE AS A LAST RESORT TO ASK THAT YOU WOULD SEEK WHAT IS
22 THE DELAY IN BRINGING PERMANENCE TO THIS CHILD. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DID THEY GIVE A REASON?

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1 **CLAUDIA ANDRADE:** WELL, THEY DID GIVE A REASON. THERE WAS AN
2 ALLEGATION ON SPANKING FROM US, BUT IT WAS UNFOUNDED. AND MY
3 PERSONAL OPINION IS THAT THIS PARTICULAR WORKER HAS AN EXTREME
4 BIAS TOWARDS SPANKING. UNFORTUNATELY, I WAS NEVER GIVEN AN
5 OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH HER IN AN INTELLECTUAL MANNER THE
6 DIFFERENCE OF OPINION THAT THAT TOPIC HAS. MY CHILDREN ARE
7 DOING INCREDIBLY WELL AND I'M VERY HAPPY TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
8 PROVIDE A GOOD HOME FOR THEM, AND WE'VE NEVER DONE ANYTHING
9 THAT WAS IN VIOLATION OF THE PENAL CODE OR CHILD AND WELFARE
10 INSTITUTION CODES. I PROVIDED BOTH OF THOSE LAWS RELATIVE TO
11 CORPORAL PUNISHMENT TO NOT ONLY HER, BUT SEVERAL WORKERS WHO
12 SEEM TO BE UNAWARE OF HOW THE LAW READS.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, MARINA WILL TALK TO YOU AND --

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16 **CLAUDIA ANDRADE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU FOR THE
17 GOOD WORK THAT YOU DO FOR OUR CHILDREN.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE A GOOD SUPPORT GROUP THERE.

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1 **CLAUDIA ANDRADE:** THEY'VE ENJOYED THEIR TIME HERE TODAY. CIVICS
2 102, MAYBE?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GRADUATE WORK.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH. ALL RIGHT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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8 **DEBRA RAYFORD:** MY NAME IS DEBRA RAYFORD. MY REMARKS, I WOULD
9 LIKE TO GO TOWARDS MR. ANTONOVICH, BECAUSE THAT'S THE DISTRICT
10 IN WHICH I LIVE. MR. ANTONOVICH, MY HOME WAS FORECLOSED
11 ILLEGALLY. IT WAS SOLD MAY 22ND OF THIS YEAR, AND ON OCTOBER
12 THE 5TH I WAS EVICTED FROM THE HOME. I HAD BEEN IN THAT HOME -
13 - I PURCHASED THAT HOME IN 1991. I HAVE A PICTURE --

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

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17 **DEBRA RAYFORD:** IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, IN LAKE LOS ANGELES.
18 THIS IS A PICTURE OF YOU AND MY SON AT THE OPENING OF THE
19 LIBRARY. HE HELPED YOU CUT THE RIBBON. AND WHAT HAPPENED WAS I
20 HAD FILED FOR CHAPTER 13. THE MORTGAGE COMPANY DID NOT POST MY
21 PAYMENTS. THEY -- MY PAYMENTS WERE POSTED THREE DAYS BEFORE
22 THE SALE OF MY HOME. THE MORTGAGE COMPANY, EVEN KNOWING THAT
23 IT WAS -- THAT THE PAYMENTS HAD BEEN POSTED, THEY STILL SOLD
24 THE HOME TO A THIRD PARTY, AND I WAS EVICTED OCTOBER 3RD. IN
25 SEPTEMBER, I FILED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE MORTGAGE COMPANY.



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1 SEVERAL DAYS AGO, I GOT AN ANSWER. THEY HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED ALL
2 PAYMENTS THAT I MADE BUT ONE, AND I CAN PROVE THAT PAYMENT
3 THROUGH A POST OFFICE RECEIPT. I JUST NEED TO GO TO THE POST
4 OFFICE AND FIND OUT THE DATE THAT THAT POSTAL MONEY ORDER WAS
5 CASHED. LEGAL AID WOULD NOT HELP ME, BECAUSE AT THE TIME THEY
6 SAID I WAS MAKING TOO MUCH MONEY. I WAS WORKING TWO SECURITY
7 JOBS. ONE WAS \$7 AN HOUR; THE OTHER ONE WAS EIGHT, SO THAT
8 DOESN'T MEAN THAT I WAS MAKING A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY. ONCE I --
9 IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT I RESIGN FROM ONE OF THE JOBS IN ORDER
10 FOR ME TO GET HELP, SO I DID THAT. WENT BACK TO LEGAL AID AND
11 LEGAL AID TOLD ME THAT BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HELP ME IN THE
12 BEGINNING, THEY COULD NOT HELP ME NOW. SO I'M OUT ON THE
13 STREET WITH MY 17-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER. SHE'S LIVING WITH A
14 FRIEND AND I'M LIVING IN MY CAR, AND I'M COMING TO YOU BECAUSE
15 I NEED AN ATTORNEY. THE COURT CASE IS DUE FOR ME TO BE IN
16 COURT DECEMBER 16TH, AND I'M ASKING FOR SOME TYPE OF LEGAL
17 HELP. ON MY WAY HERE, I SAW SOMETHING ON CITY HALL, AND I
18 WOULD LIKE TO READ IT TO YOU. IT SAID, "LET US HAVE FAITH THAT
19 RIGHT MAKES MIGHT." AND IT SAYS LINCOLN, THAT WAS A QUOTE FROM
20 LINCOLN. THE NEXT ONE SAYS, "RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTED A PEOPLE."
21 AND SOLOMON WROTE THAT. WELL, I'M HERE HAVING FAITH IN YOU
22 THAT YOU WILL HELP ME, AND THAT'S WHY I'M HERE. THANK YOU.
23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY WOULD BEGIN THE PROCESS, RAINA RICHEY
25 AND ANGELA WILL TALK TO YOU OVER IN THE CORNER --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I THINK CONSUMER AFFAIRS IS GOING TO BE
3 HERE TO TALK WITH YOU ALSO.

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CONSUMER AFFAIRS AS WELL, OKAY.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH. SO IF YOU'LL STAY OVER THERE AND
8 TALK TO HER.

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10 **DEBRA RAYFORD:** THANK YOU.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ESTHER HERRERA WILL BE HERE.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT YES, CANDICE OWENS.

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16 **CANDICE OWEN:** I DECIDED SINCE I'VE COME ALL THE WAY DOWN HERE,
17 YOU KNOW, I USED TO COME DOWN HERE QUITE FREQUENTLY, BUT WHEN
18 THE BOARD CLEARLY SHOWED ME THAT ALL MY EFFORTS OF TRYING TO
19 BE HEARD, MY EFFORTS OF COMMUNICATING WHAT'S GOING ON, AND NOW
20 WE SLOWLY SEE SOME OF IT IS COMING OUT, BUT IT WILL NEVER BE
21 ENOUGH TO BREAK THE LIES AND THE DECEIT THAT EVEN YOU,
22 YOURSELF, LLOYD PELLMAN, CONTINUE, EVEN AT THIS VERY MOMENT,
23 ON THE NUMEROUS CASES. THERE'S A CASE PENDING RIGHT NOW CALLED
24 THE LOPEZ CASE. ON THE LAST SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE, PELLMAN,
25 COUNTY COUNSEL OFFERED EACH DEAD CHILD -- FOR EACH DEAD CHILD



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1 TO THE PARENTS \$10,000. \$10,000. LET'S HOPE THE SETTLEMENT
2 CONFERENCE TODAY GOES MUCH BETTER, AND LET'S HOPE EVEN BETTER
3 YET THAT THE CASE COULD GO TO TRIAL AND WE MIGHT FOR THE FIRST
4 TIME HAVE A CASE, ONE UNDER THE 820-21 CODE INSTEAD OF BEING
5 SETTLED OUT OF COURT. NOW, APART FROM ALL MY CHILDREN'S
6 SERVICE ISSUES, I'D LIKE TO UPDATE YOU JUST A LITTLE BIT. I
7 HAVEN'T SEEN HANNAH LEAH IN OVER A MONTH. SEE, ONCE YOU'RE
8 TAINTED IN THE D.C.F.S. COURTS AND YOUR CASE GO INTO THE
9 FAMILY LAW COURT, YOU'RE TAINTED. AND WHEN I CAME HERE TO THE
10 BOARD CRYING OUT THAT I WAS ORDERED 12-HOUR MONITORED VISITS,
11 WHAT DID ANY OF YOU DO? NOTHING. WHAT DID ZEV YAROSLAVSKY, MY
12 OWN SUPERVISOR, DO? NOTHING! I CANNOT AFFORD \$40 AN HOUR FOR A
13 MONITOR. I DON'T HAVE A VEHICLE, SINCE, AS MIKE ANTONOVICH
14 KNOWS, I VISITED THE CURRENT NAZI CAMPS. WHY? BECAUSE I HADN'T
15 SEEN MY DAUGHTER FOR SIX MONTHS. THE NEW NAZI CAMPS ARE THE
16 JAILS, PROPAGATED BY SHERIFFS OR THE NEW S.S. WORKERS, AND
17 WHAT HAPPENS TO MY FAMILY? DO ANY OF YOU CARE? NO. DOES
18 ANYBODY IN THE PUBLIC CARE? NO. BUT I HAVE TO PAY \$1200 A
19 MONTH TO SEE MY CHILD THAT I CAN'T AFFORD. DOES MR.
20 COMMISSIONER MURPHY CARE THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN HANNAH LEAH? BUT
21 AT LEAST IF I WAS IN DEPENDENCY COURT AND THERE WAS A RECENT
22 CASE ANTONOVICH, THE NANNY PUSHED MY CHILD, PUSHED MY CHILD,
23 HAD A BIG BRUISE, WE HAD ALL INVESTIGATION AND IT WAS THE SAME
24 OLD SAME OLD. HOWEVER, IF I HAD PUSHED MY CHILD, I GUARANTEE
25 YOU, I WOULD HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND I WOULD BE IN JAIL, BUT IT



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1 -- BECAUSE IT'S A NANNY AND THE FATHER, THE WEALTHY JEW WHO
2 WAS PAYING \$1700 A MONTH FOR THE NANNY, AND IN SEVEN YEARS,
3 HAS NEVER HAD TO SUBMIT HIS INCOME. WHY? BECAUSE MYSELF AND
4 THE OTHER MOTHER, WE CANNOT AFFORD A FORENSIC ACCOUNTANT, AND
5 I WOULD JUST LIKE TO CLEARLY POINT OUT THE BIAS OF THIS BOARD,
6 THE WOMAN WHO SPOKE NOT JUST BEFORE ME, BUT THE ONE, SHE
7 CLEARLY EXCEEDED HER THREE-MINUTE TIME LIMIT, BUT WHEN IT
8 BEHOOVES THE BOARD, YOU WILL LET THEM SPEAK, BUT WHEN THOSE OF
9 US WHO ARE SPEAKING ABOUT THE ATROCITIES, YOU CUT US SHORT AND
10 THEN MOLINA MAKES A POINT OF BRINGING UP AN AGENDA ITEM FOR A
11 GENTLEMAN WHO, BECAUSE YOU DON'T HEAR US, WE HAVE TO HAVE A
12 SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM, BECAUSE WHEN WE'RE NOT HERE, WE TRY TO
13 SPEAK ON DIFFERENT AGENDA ITEMS, WE TRY TO FIGURE OUT THE
14 PROCESS? AND WHAT IS THE POINT?

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16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED THANK YOU.

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18 **CANDACE OWEN:** KEEP THE ILLUSIONS UP. IT'S NOT WORKING VERY
19 WELL.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DOES THAT CONCLUDE PUBLIC COMMENT? HMM?
22 THAT CONCLUDES IT, ALL RIGHT.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
25 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF



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1 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS
2 CS-1, CS-2, AND CS-3, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
3 EXISTING LITIGATION, AND ITEM CS-4, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
4 COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, TWO
5 CASES, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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1 REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

2 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003.

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4 There is no reportable action as a result of today's closed
5 session.

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